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7-16-86

(75km)

THE BEGINNING OF JOURNAL #7, HOPEFULLY A LUCKIER NUMBER THAN #6 WAS.

I SPENT MOST OF THE MORNING AT THE POST OFFICE SORTING OUT MY PROBLEMS. I CALLED GEORGE, GAVE HIM NEW DIRECTIONS FOR SENDING MONEY TO ME. IT WILL GO TO THE POST OFFICE IN LEISSIGEN, SWITZERLAND %
POSTE RESTANTE. I SHOULD GET THERE IN ONE WEEK AT A LEISURELY PACE. I SENT MY JOURNAL HOME ~~RE~~ VIA AIR MAIL; IT COST 3SF (F5) - SUCH! A SMALL LETTER WAS 5FR! I ALSO WAS TOLD AN AIRMAIL POSTCARD IS 3F85, NOT 3F20 AS I WAS TOLD IN BLAYE LAST MONTH, SO ILL SEND THEM SURFACE MAIL FOR 2F50.

I HAD A HUGE MEAL FOR DINNER OF "CHOCROUTE D'ALSACE GARNIE", OR IN OTHER WORDS SAUERKRAUT, WEINERS, AND $\frac{3}{4}$ LITER OF VERY WLD "33" EXTRA LIGHT BEER; SOME "MADELEINES" - A SORT OF SPONGE CAKE LITTLECAKE THAT IS MY STAPLE JUNK FOOD HERE IN FRANCE.

I'M CAMPING IN A SMALL MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND IN PONTAVIEUR FOR 9F20 PER NIGHT. I'M TRYING TO FIND THE ENERGY TO SWIM, WASH MY CLOTHES, /& FIND A BUNCH OF POSTCARDS IN THAT ORDER.

(23,765) A2

I SCREWED UP. BY THE TIME I TOOK A SHOWER
WENT INTO TOWN IT WAS AFTER 8:00 & TOO LATE TO BUY
POST CARDS. THEY'RE A BIT EXPENSIVE HERE ANYWAY.

I THINK I'VE FINALLY FIGURED OUT WHY I HAVE A HARD
TIME UNDERSTANDING FRENCH & SPANISH. I UNDERSTAND
PART OF WHAT'S SAID, BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY'VE
CHOSEN THE TOPIC THEY'RE BABBLING ABOUT. I GUESS I
JUST EXPECT CYCLING QUESTIONS & EVERYTHING ELSE
THROWS ME OFF.

WHILE I'VE BEEN SITTING HERE A RATHER LARGE
BROWN RAT CAME OVER & CHECKED OUT MY BIKE,
CLIMBING OVER THE CHAINSTAYS, THROUGH THE SPOKES OF
THE REAR WHEEL & ONTO THE LEFT CRANK ARM. I
THINK MY SOAP ATTRACTS HIM, AS IT'S IN THE SOAP BOX
WHICH IS DRYING ON THE REAR RACK.

7-17-86

(15 Km)

DAMN, IT WAS COLD LAST NIGHT. I KEEP FREEZING MY ASS
OFF ON THESE CLEAR NIGHTS & I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE
FROM NOW ON THAT I PUT ON EXTRA CLOTHES AT NIGHT. IT'S
ALSO A GOOD THING THAT I'M TAKING IT EASY NOW, AS IT'S
AT LEAST 9:30 AM BEFORE IT'S WARM ENOUGH TO GET GOING.

(23,765) A2

IN THE MORNING, IT PROBABLY WON'T BE A PROBLEM TODAY
THOUGH AS IT LOOKS LIKE THE FIRST 12KM ARE UPHILL -
NOT A VERY PLEASANT THOUGHT.

IT TOOK A WHILE TO CLEAR OUT OF TOWN THIS
MORNING. FIRST THE LITTLE OLD LADY THAT OWNS THE
CAMPGROUND (WHO IS OBVIOUSLY VERY SENILE) DIDN'T
HAVE ANY CHANGE. THEN SHE FORGOT I WAS THERE. THEN
SHE THOUGHT I WAS TOGETHER WITH A DUTCH COUPLE;
SCREWED UP THEIR BILL BY ADDING ME TO IT. WHEN
SHE FINALLY GOT TO ME SHE WROTE MY RECEIPT ON
THE CARBON COPY OF THE DUTCH COUPLES RECEIPT,
AND WHEN SHE ASKED ME TO SPELL OUT MY NAME
IT CAME OUT 'EHRECC' - AT LEAST SHE GOT THE
'A' RIGHT; I FINALLY GOT MY CHANGE - 70 CENTIMES.

I ~~had~~ STOPPED TO THROW OUT MY REAR TIRE
THAT HAD WORN THROUGH TO THE CORD. I ALSO
RETENSIONED MY REAR WHEEL AS IT WAS LOOSE;
THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF MOUNTAINS AHEAD. I ALSO
NOTICED MY LOWER Jockey WHEEL ON MY REAR
DERAILLEUR IS SHOT, BUT NO LUCK FINDING A
REPLACEMENT TODAY.

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I PASSED NEAR THE VOLCANS D'AUVERGNE TODAY, A SERIES OF EXTINCT VOLCANOES WITH COLLAPSED CONES. PERHAPS THE MOST FAMOUS OF THEM IS RUY DE DÔME. THE ~~THE~~ TOUR DE FRANCE WILL HOLD ONE OF IT'S STAGES THERE IN A FEW DAYS.

SHORTLY AFTER THAT I WAS QUITE PLEASED THAT I DODGED MY WORN OUT TIRE AS AFTER PASSING THROUGH THE VOLCANS D'AUVERGNE I HAD 10KM OF 9% GRADE, SO I REALLY FLEW DOWNHILL. IT WAS DEFINITELY NO TIME FOR A BLOWOUT.

I'M CAMPING IN LAPALISSE TONIGHT. IT'S THE CHEAPEST I'VE PAID TO CAMP: 7€10, ABOUT \$1. AND AS USUAL, THE CHEAPEST PLACES SEEM TO BE THE BEST, THOUGH ALL THE CAMPGROUNDS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE.

7-18-86

135KM

A KILLER THUNDERSTORM CRASHED THROUGH LAST NIGHT. IT CAME THROUGH AROUND 2 OR 3AM, THERE MUST HAVE BEEN LOW CLOUDS UNDER THE THUNDERCLOUDS BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T SEE THE LIGHTNING, JUST HUGE SEMICIRCLES OF MIST AGLOW WITH INTENSE LIGHT.

AFTER THE THUNDERSTORM THE MORNING BROKE TO LOW

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CLOUDS WHICH SICK AROUND 'TIL ABOUT NOON, SO IT WAS A FAIRLY COOL & PLEASANT RIDE FOR MOST OF THE DAY.

I HADN'T PLANNED ON CYCLING QUITE SO FAR TODAY BUT I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE. LATELY I'VE BEEN ABLE TO PICK OUT A TOWN TO CYCLE TO. I'VE ALWAYS FOUND A CAMPGROUND THERE. I HAD PICKED OUT BELLEVILLE TODAY, BUT NO LUCK SO I HAD TO CYCLE TO CHÂTIEN-SUR-CHALARONNE WHERE I'VE ENCOUNTERED MY FIRST 4 STAR CAMPGROUND - IT COSTS 20FR (128\$) / NIGHT INCLUDING HOT (I HOPE) SHOWER. HOPEFULLY THE TOILETS ARE EQUIPPED WITH TOILET PAPER, WHICH IS ALMOST UNHEARD OF.

I REALLY MISS NOT HAVING A CAMERA HERE, AS IT'S PROBABLY THE MOST PICTURESQUE TOWN I'VE SEEN IN FRANCE. I'LL LOOK AROUND FOR SLIDES & POSTCARDS IN THE MORNING.

7-19-86

125KM

ANOTHER DAY OF CYCLING FARTHER I'D HAVE LIKED TO. I HAD A VERY TOUGH CLIMB BETWEEN CEYZARIAT / LA CLUSE. I'M NOT SURE HOW LONG IT WAS, THOUGH I'D GUESS AT LEAST 5KM, & IT ~~WAS~~ WAS ALL AT LEAST 10% & PARTS WERE 15%.

(24.110)

424

AFTER THE TOUGH CLIMB, STOPPING AT BELLEGARDE SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA, BUT IT WAS ON THE MAIN ROUTE FOR ALL THE TRUCK TRAFFIC SO I DECIDED TO TRY THE NEXT CAMPGROUND. UNFORTUNATELY THAT WAS 35 KM FARTHER DOWN THE ROAD.

SO I'M AT YET ANOTHER EXPENSIVE PRIVATE CAMP-GROUND NEAR ST-JULIEN, PAY ^{WITH} 25F TO BE SQUEEZED IN BETWEEN CARAVANS ~~WITH~~ NOISY (THOUGH FRIENDLY) KIDS.

IN THE LAST 60 KM TO GENEVA I PASSED 9 TOURING CYCLISTS, SO PERHAPS I'LL ONE AGAIN FIND A RIDING COMPANION. ~~PERHAPS~~

(7-20-86)

(85 Km)

I'M IN SHOCK, TOTALLY. A SWISS FRANC IS WORTH 60¢. A COLD SODA POP AT A GAS STATION IS 2FR. A MARS BAR IS OF 90¢ CAMPING TONIGHT COST 6F80!

BUT PERHAPS THINGS AREN'T ALL THAT BAD. I THINK A 1 LITER BOTTLE OF POP HERE AT THE CAMP-GROUND IS 1F50 + DEPOSIT ; IT MAY BE THAT PRICES IN THE SUPERMARKETS (WHICH ARE ALL CLOSED TODAY, SUNDAY) ARE CLOSER TO THOSE IN FRANCE. AND I MAY START PAYING CLOSER ATTENTION TO FREE CAMPING POSSIBILITIES, SINCE THE DAYS OF MUNICIPAL CAMP-

(24.110) 424

GROUNDS FOR \$1 OR \$2/NIGHT ARE PROBABLY PAST. I WAS ALSO SHOCKED (MILDLY) AT CAMERA PRICES. THEY RANGE FROM \$125-\$225 FOR A 35mm AUTOMATIC WITH AUTO FOCUS. I MAY GO AHEAD & PAY THE \$225 & GET WHAT I WANT (AN OLYMPUS AF1), BUT I'D LIKE TO FIND ANOTHER CHINON AF-35 OR POSSIBLY A RICOH, BUT SELECTION SEEMS TO BE LIMITED. I'LL ALSO ASK AROUND ABOUT WHERE THE BEST PLACE TO BUY IS, SINCE THE CAMERA SHOPS DON'T APPEAR TO BE BARGAINS.

OH YEAH, I ALMOST FORGOT. I WAS HAVING TROUBLE FINDING ANYTHING BUT ^{BAKERS} ~~CLOSED~~ OPEN, SO I DECIDED TO GO TO WENDY'S IN LAUSANNE FOR A LITTLE VARIETY. A "BIG CHEESE" (BURGER) & $\frac{1}{2}$ LITER OF SPRITE WAS 7F30 (\$4.20!).

SO, THE HIGH PRICES HAVE MADE ME WONDER HOW LONG I WANT TO STAY IN SWITZERLAND, THOUGH I'M SURE IT'S NOT MUCH CHEAPER IN MOST OF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. I GUESS I NEED MAPS OF AUSTRIA & SOUTHERN GERMANY TO SEE HOW FAR I CAN GET AT A PACE OF ABOUT 85 Km/day FOR ABOUT ~~ONE~~ THREE WEEKS, SO THAT I ARRIVE IN B.K. AROUND AUG. 10.

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I SAW MORE TOURING CYCLISTS TODAY THAN I COULD COUNT, BUT THEN EUROPEANS ALL SEEM TO KNOW WHERE THE EASIEST CYCLING IS. THE CYCLING TODAY WAS EXCEPTIONALLY EASY. IT'LL BE INTERESTING TO FIND OUT IF I SEE MORE OF THEM IN THE VALLEYS OR CLIMBING THE PASSES BETWEEN VALLEYS.

AN INTERESTING THING ABOUT SWISS BANKNOTES: THEY ARE PRINTED VERTICALLY, RATHER THAN HORIZONTALLY, WHICH MAKES SENSE 'CAUSE THAT'S HOW YOU LOOK AT THEM IN A CASH DRAWER, & THEY'RE PRINTED IN FOUR LANGUAGES: FRENCH, ITALIAN, GERMAN & SOMETHING ELSE, PROBABLY A SWISS DIALECT AS IT'S TOTALLY UNFAMILIAR TO ME.

BY THE WAY, I'M CAMPED NEAR FOREL, SITE OF MY 19TH FLAT TIRE.

I WAS WANDERING AROUND WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF FOR A FEW HOURS BEFORE BEDTIME WHEN MY NEIGHBORS SOLVED THE PROBLEM. THEY ARE A SWISS COUPLE WITH TWO LITTLE GIRLS (THE COUPLES NAMES ARE DANIEL & MARLENE MASSARD) & THEY INVITED ME OVER FOR FRITES, SALAMI & RED

WINE. WE SAT AROUND & TRIED TO TALK FOR A WHILE. SHE WAS AS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND AS ANYBODY, BUT HE WAS ABLE TO MAKE THINGS SIMPLE ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND, THOUGH IT WASN'T ALWAYS EASY TO REPLY SO THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD. STILL IT WAS FUN. AND I THINK I COULD HAVE GOTTEN A GREAT DEAL ON A CAMERA AT THE STORE HE WORKS AT, INNOVATION, BUT UNFORTUNATELY I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CASH. HOWEVER HE DID WARN ME THAT INTERLAKEN IS EVEN MORE EXPENSIVE THAN LAUSANNE (A VERY DEPRESSING THOUGHT) & THAT I SHOULD BUY ONE AT AN AFFILIATE STORE, JELMOLI, IN BERN. STILL I WONDER IF HE COULD'VE GIVEN ME A DISCOUNT?

I WAS ALSO TOLD THAT I MUST TRY SWISS FONDUE, APPARENTLY IT'S A SOURCE OF NATIONAL PRIDE, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL GET THE CHANCE.

I ALSO FOUND THAT THE FOURTH LANGUAGE ON SWISS BANKNOTES IS "ROMANCE" (AT LEAST THAT'S HOW IT SOUNDS) & THAT IT'S A MIX OF ITALIAN & GERMAN, SPOKEN MAINLY IN THE REGION AROUND ST. MORITZ.

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A25

I ALSO PEELLED TWO OLD PATCHES OFF & REPLACED THEM WITH NEW PATCHES AS I REPAIRED TODAY'S FLAT. THE FLAT I GOT NEAR LA CLUSE, FRANCE, WAS DUE TO THE FAILURE OF AN OLD PATCH & TWO ^{OF} THOSE ON MY REAR TUBE LOOKED RATHER DUBIOUS.

IT WAS PRETTY CHILLY IN THE MORNING & FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER A MONTH & A HALF I DUSTED OFF THE OL' TIGHTS FOR MY FIRST FEW HOURS RIDE.

7-21-86

100 km

WHAT A DAY! THE SCENERY'S BEEN INCREDIBLE, ESPECIALLY ASCENDING TO JAUNPASS (1508₂ M, 4968 FT). IT'S LIKE ALL THE POSTCARDS OF QUAIN VILLAGES THAT YOU'VE EVER SEEN & FANTASTIC MOUNTAINS AS WELL. I FORGET THE NAME OF THE RANGE I CROSSED TODAY, BUT IN ENGLISH THEY'RE KNOWN AS THE 'PRE-ALPS' & AFTER SEEING THEM I'M INCREDIBLY ANXIOUS TO SEE THE ACTUAL ALPS, THOUGH I'LL HAVE TO WAIT A FEW DAYS AS I GO BACK OVER THE PRE-ALPS TO BERN WHERE I'LL BUY MY CAMERA & THEN OVER ONE AGAIN BEFORE CROSSING OVER THE REAL THING.

I ARRIVED IN LEISSIGEN AROUND 4PM TODAY & MY TRAVELLER'S CHECKS, COURTESY OF GEORGE BURTON, WERE

^ EVEN THOUGH I WAS ONE DAY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

I'M GETTING A GREAT SUNBURN, SOMEWHAT DUE TO THE HIGHER ALTITUDE, BUT MAINLY CAUSE AS I'VE CYCLED TODAY IT'S BEEN AS IF MY ROUTE HAS BEEN TURNING CONSTANTLY BACK ~~INTO~~ THE SUN. SO RIGHT NOW I'M AT A SHADED BENCH AT THE ^{EFT} LEISSIGEN TRAIN STATION HOPING THAT I CAN CYCLE TO THE CAMPGROUND AROUND THE TIME THAT THE MOUNTAIN SIDE IS CAST INTO SHADOWS.

I ALSO PASSED THE 15,000 MILE MARK TODAY, SOMEWHERE AROUND KM 24,150, NEAR CHARMEY.

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I'M STAYING AT A TINY CAMPGROUND A FEW KM OUT-SIDE OF ^{EFT} LEISSIGEN. I THOUGHT I HAD A BARGAIN AT 3FR, ~~1000 SWISS~~, OUT TO BE 4FR (18 FRENCH FR OR \$24). I'VE GOT A FEELING THAT MAY BE CHEAP FOR SWITZERLAND.

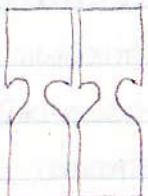
I'VE GOT A FANTASTIC VIEW OF THE THUNERSEE & "MEIELISALP", THE MTN'S ACROSS FROM HERE. I RATHER DOUBT IF I'LL GET ANYTHING RESEMBLING A SHOWER, HOT OR OTHERWISE, HERE, & I THINK I REALLY NEED ONE NOW AS I SKIPPED LAST NIGHT.

AN AIRMAIL POSTCARD IS 66¢! (+30¢ FOR THE POST-CARD ITSELF).

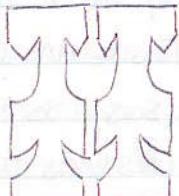
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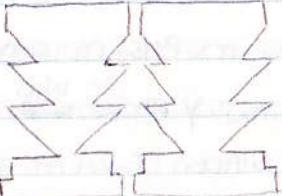
I REALLY GOT A CHARGE OUT OF THE BALCONIES



HEARTS



TULIPS



EVERGREENS

ON THE SWISS CHALET I SAW TODAY. THEY ARE MADE AS I DREW THEM ABOVE, CUTTING ONE SIDE OF THE BOARD ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN, THEN FLIPPING THE PATTERN OVER & CUTTING THE OTHER SIDE. THE GREAT THING ABOUT IT IS THEY CAN BE CONSTRUCTED FROM 1X8'S FROM DISCARDED PALLETS, THEN PAINTED (SINCE THE WOOD ISN'T SO GOOD).

I WAS JUST SITTING HERE ADMIRING THE SUNSET WHEN A FARMER, HIS SON, THREE COWS & A CALF CAME CLANGING DOWN THE ROAD (THE CATTLE HAD COW BELLS ON). I HAD MY FIRST REAL LIFE ENCOUNTER WITH COW BREATH - IT DIDN'T SMELL BAD, BUT WAS VERY HOT & HUMID - WHEN ONE STOPPED TO CHECK ME OUT.

THAT WAS COOL, BUT WHEN THE SECOND ONE FIGURED IT WAS HER TURN I DECIDED TO MOSEY-ON OUT OF THE WAY. ONE REAL-LIFE ENCOUNTER OF THE COW KIND PER DAY IS SUFFICIENT.

7-22-86

45 Km

IT'S BEEN AN EXPENSIVE DAY, BUT I'VE GOT A NEW CAMERA, SO I'M A HAPPY MAN. IT'S A RICOH AF50; IT'S BASICALLY THE SAME AS MY OLD CAMERA EXCEPT IT'S GOT POWERWIND; A FLASH THAT WORKS AUTOMATICALLY. IT WASN'T CHEAP, 275FR (165\$), BUT THAT'S 20-25FR LESS THAN MOST PLACES, SO I'M HAPPY.

I ALSO BOUGHT A NEW WALLET (9F50); COMBINATION FANNY PACK/DAY PACK (3F1F80). I'M ORGANIZED ONCE MORE.

IT'S TURNED OUT TO BE A PRETTY NORMAL SORT OF DAY. BERN'S GREAT, A MEDIEVAL CITY & ALL, BUT I MISS THE MOUNTAINS. CITIES ARE GREAT - YOU FIND WHAT YOU WANT; CAN INDULGE YOURSELF LIMITLESSLY - BUT THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME AFTER A WHILE & IT'S HARD TO STAY LONG ANY MORE.

I'M STAYING AT 'CAMPING EICHHOLZ' HERE IN BERN.

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A26

(24,365)

A27

IT MUST BE A MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND 'CAUSE THE PRICES ARE REASONABLE (FOR SWITZERLAND) - SF30, NOT BAD IN SUCH A LARGE TOWN.

THE MAIN TOURIST ATTRACTION HERE SEEMS TO BE THE BEAR PITs WHICH DATE BACK TO THE 15TH CENTURY. THE BEAR BECAME THE SYMBOL OF BERN WHEN DUKE BERCHTOLD V, THE FOUNDER OF THE CITY, DECIDED THE CITY SHOULD BE NAMED AFTER THE FIRST ANIMAL HE'D KILL IN A GREAT CHASE, SO A BEAR BIT THE BIG ONE, & BERN GOT IT'S NAME.

(7-23-86)

(10km)

NOT A BAD DAY. IT'S BEEN RAINING LIGHTLY OFF & ON ALL DAY. IT LOOKS AS THOUGH IT MIGHT TONIGHT AS WELL, BUT MOST OF THE BREAKS IN THE WEATHER HAVE BEEN TIMED TO ALLOW ME SOME GREAT VIEWS, SO I CAN'T COMPLAIN.

I HAD SOME PRETTY GOOD CLIMBS TODAY, A LOT OF 10% GRADES (5 miles OR SO) & A FEW MILES OF 13%, BUT I JUST GEARED DOWN & TOOK IT EASY. I NEED TO SAVE MYSELF FOR DOINK GRUMSEL & FURKA PASSES TOMORROW. THEY'RE 2165m & 2431m RESPECTIVELY; THE MAP SHOWS SOME STEEP GRADES IN BETWEEN THEM.

I'M CAMPING IN MEIRINGEN AT A CAMPGROUND

(24,365)

A27

THAT I THOUGHT WAS 6F40/NIGHT, WHICH WAS THE MOST I WANTED TO PAY, BUT IT TURNS OUT THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL 1F10 IN TAXES SO I GOT STUCK 7F50 INSTEAD.

I GUESS THE BIG ATTRACTION AROUND HERE IS 'AARESCHLUCHT', A GORGE SIMILAR TO THE ONE NEAR THE OLD MAN IN THE MOUNTAIN IN N.H. I'M SURE AT LEAST AS EXPENSIVE TO VISIT, SO I'LL BE SATISFIED WITH HAVING LOOKED AT A BROCHURE & SOME POSTCARDS.

I ALSO NOTICE FROM MY MAP THAT I'M LESS THAN 10 Km AS THE CROW FLIES FROM MELCHITAL, WHERE THE PLACE I FIRST LEARNED TO SKI, WAY BACK IN 1968 - 18½ YEARS AGO.

THIS PLACE IS A RIP-OFF. YOU HAVE TO PAY 50 CENTIMES FOR HOT WATER & THE ALTERNATIVE IS SWISS GLACIER WATER.

I ALSO PAID 2F70 FOR A BAR OF SOAP, THINKING I'D GET CAUGHT UP ON LAUNDRY, BUT RIGHT AFTER THAT

IT STARTED POURING DOWN RAIN, SO I'LL CHANGE IT FOR NOW

MY MIND ABOUT ~~CAMPING~~. THERE'S NO DRY TONIGHT & WHO WANTS TO DRAG AROUND A BUNCH OF WET CLOTHES?

7-24-86

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A2c

5km

IT'S PISsing DOWN RAIN NON-STOP RIGHT NOW, SO I'VE DECIDED TO CALL IT A DAY, THOUGH IT'S ONLY NOON. I STARTED THE DAY WATCHING INTERMITTENT SHOWERS FROM MY TENT, HOPING THINGS WOULD CLEAR. AFTER IT WAS OBVIOUS IT WOULDN'T I PACKED UP; THEN IT STARTED POURING DOWN; HASN'T LET UP YET.

I HUNG AROUND MEIRINGEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO, AS THERE / INNERTKIRCHEN (WHERE I'M AT NOW) ARE THE ONLY PLACES WITH CAMPGROUNDS IN THE DIRECTION I'M HEADED. I THOUGHT I MIGHT PAY THE 14FR OR SO THAT THE YOUTH HOSTEL IN MEIRINGEN WANTED, BUT THE FOLKS THERE WERE RUDE, SO I CAME TO INNERTKIRCHEN, THINKING I ^{HAD} CUT OF MY NOSE TO SPITE MY FACE, BUT THINGS HAVE WORKED OUT WELL.

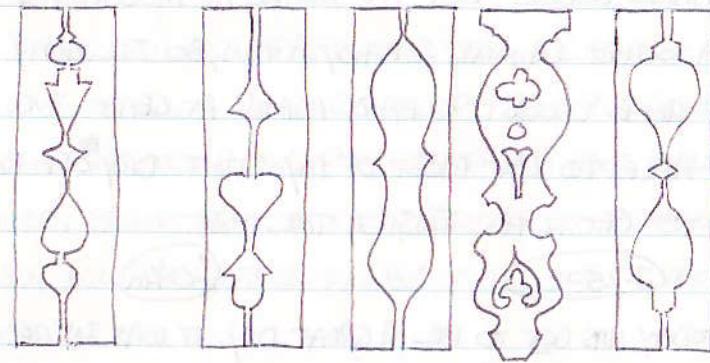
I'M AT A CAMPGROUND IN INNERTKIRCHEN; MY PLAN WAS TO SPEND THE DAY IN MY TENT TRYING TO STAY WARM, BUT THEY HAVE A GREAT LITTLE HUT HERE WITH TABLES / CHAIRS, SO I'VE BEEN SAVED FROM THAT FATE.

SUPPOSEDLY THINGS SHOULD CLEAR UP BY SOME

24,370

A2c

TIME AFTER NOON TOMORROW, BUT AT 5FR 10 PER NIGHT STAYING HERE ONE MORE DAY WOULDN'T BE TOO HARD TO BEAR.



THE WEATHER BROKE HERE A LITTLE AFTER LUNCH (I THERE SEEMED TO BE A WHITE OUT IN THE PASS), SO I DECIDED TO GO LOOK AT BALCONY PATTERNS / HAVE RECORDED THEM ABOVE FOR FUTURE INSPIRATION. MY FAVORITE IS THE SECOND FROM THE LEFT WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE A HEART WITH AN ARROW THROUGH IT, BUT MY ABILITY AS AN ARTIST HAS RENDERED IT AS SOMETHING LESS INSPIRING.

THE SECOND FROM THE RIGHT IS MUCH MORE ELABORATE THAN THE USUAL DESIGN, BUT IT USES THE SAME

(24.430)

420

PRINCIPLES. IT WAS MUCH EASIER TO DRAW IT AS A SINGLE PLANK THAN TWO OPPISING PLANK HALVES.

I WAS THINKING OF GOING TO SEE THE 'AARESCHLÜTT' OR AARE FORGE, BUT IT'S ACTING AS THOUGH IT'S GONNA START RAINING STEADY AGAIN, SO I'LL STAY RIGHT HERE UNLESS IT CLEARS AGAIN. AT LEAST I'VE BEEN ABLE TO LET MOST OF MY STUFF DRY OFF ENOUGH TO GET IT ALL INSIDE THE TENT.

(7-25-86)

(60km)

TODAY HAD GOT TO BE A GREAT DAY. IT WAS INCREDIBLY COLD LAST NIGHT, BUT ^{AS} A RESULT OF THAT; YESTERDAY'S RAIN IT'S CRYSTAL CLEAR OUT.

I WAS PRETTY RELUCTANT TO CLIMB OUT OF THE NOT-QUITE-WARM-ENOUGH SLEEPING BAG THIS MORNING, BUT ONCE I DID I IMMEDIATELY WENT RUNNING OFF TAKING PICTURES. IT WAS INCREDIBLE - SUNRISE ON ONE SIDE, MOONSET ON THE OTHER, FOG IN THE VALLEY, INCREDIBLY CLEAR PEAKS IN THE DISTANCE. I'LL DEFINITELY BE WORTH ALL 6000 OR SO FEET OF VERTICAL GAIN I'LL DO TODAY.

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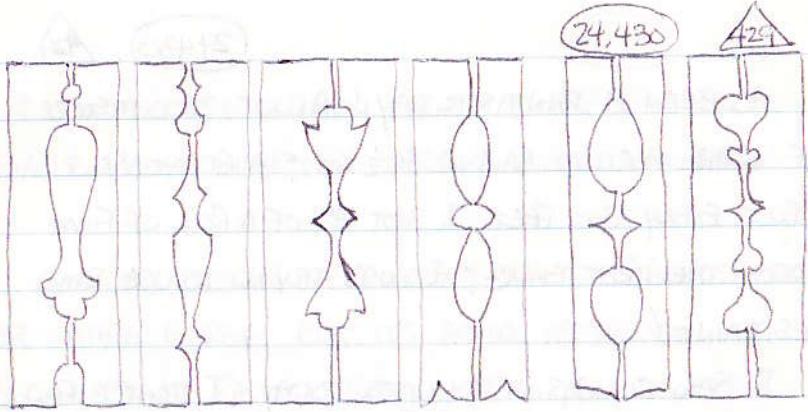
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IT'S BEEN A FANTASTIC DAY! ABOUT 2200 METERS OF ~~VERTICAL~~ VERTICAL GAIN IN $36\frac{1}{2}$ KM; A GREAT VIEW ABOUT EVERY TWO FEET. I SHOT $\frac{2}{3}$ OF A ROLL OF FILM TODAY, THE MOST EVER; I WAS TRYING TO USE SOME RESTRAINT!

I SAW ZILLIONS OF CYCLISTS TODAY - I THINK A FEW MORE GOING DOWN THAN COMING UP. THE POST COACHES (BUSSES OPERATED BY THE PTT (POST OFFICE)) HAVE LITTLE TRAILERS BEHIND THEM TO CARRY BICYCLES, SO IT'S HARD TO SAY HOW MANY TAKE THE BUS TO THE TOP; COAST DOWN.

IM STAYING AT ANDERMATT TONIGHT. THE CAMPGROUND IS A BIT EXPENSIVE FROM WHAT THE COUPLE NEXT TO ME TELLS ME; THE OWNER IS SELDOM AROUND. IF HE DOESN'T COME LOOKING FOR ME, I'LL DO MY BEST NOT TO PAY. THERE'S NO SHADE; IT'S SORT OF A CRUMBY PLACE TO BE WORTH 7 FT.

I TOOK A STROLL THROUGH ANDERMATT IN AN ATTEMPT TO AVOID THE CAMPGROUND MANAGER; HAVE RECORDED A FEW MORE BALCONY DESIGNS. DIFFERENT VARIATIONS OF THE THIRD FROM THE LEFT SEEM QUITE POPULAR HERE.



SOME ARE OUTLINED WITH DIFFERENT COLORS OF PAINT AROUND THE OUTSIDE; OTHERS ARE ROUTERED, SOMETHING I THOUGHT, BUT HADN'T SEEN 'TIL NOW. IT LOOKS BETTER UNROUTERED. THE ONES OUTLINED IN PAINT ARE PRETTY SHARP. THE DESIGN ON THE FAR RIGHT IS MY OWN. IT'S MY BEST RECOLLECTION OF A DESIGN I SAW NEAR JAHNPASS.

I LET MY CONSCIENCE GET THE BEST OF ME. I PAID FOR THE NIGHT, NOT WANTING TO USE ANY LAME EXCUSES IF I GOT CAUGHT. IT'S 7F80, 80 OF WHICH IS TAX, A WORD I've COME TO HATE BECAUSE IN MOST PLACES IN EUROPE IF THERE IS A TAX IT'S WORKED INTO THE PRICE INSTEAD OF TACKED ON AFTERWARDS.

I CHECKED ON THE PRICE OF POSTCARDS AGAIN TO

SEE HOW MUCH SURFACE MAIL COSTS. THERE'S NO SUCH THING. IT'S 1F10 (66¢) PERIOD. EVERYTHING GOES AIRMAIL.

7-26-86

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A PRETTY GOOD DAY. I LEFT THE CAMPGROUND AFTER AN ABORTED ATTEMPT AT A COLD SHOWER; CYCLED UP OBERALP PASS, WHERE I MET UP WITH ANITA + MATTHEW, AN ENGLISH COUPLE THAT I MET THE NIGHT BEFORE.

WE SPENT THE DAY TOGETHER CYCLING AT A SLOW PACE TO CHUR, WHERE WE'RE CAMPING TONIGHT. THEY'RE ON MOUNTAIN BIKES; ARE PRETTY LOADED DOWN. THEY HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED ON CYCLING TO INDIA, BUT IT SOUNDS AS THOUGH THEY MAY HAVE ABORTED THAT IDEA.

THEY'VE BEEN GOOD COMPANY THOUGH; NOW I CAN BOAST OF CYCLING FOR A TOTAL OF FOURS DAYS WITH OTHER FOOLS WHILE HERE IN EUROPE.

THE SCENERY WAS GREAT TODAY, BUT NOWHERE NEAR AS SPECTACULAR AS YESTERDAY. OUR BIGGEST DIVERSION TODAY WAS CYCLING DOWN A ROAD NEAR VERSAM THAT WAS SHOWN ON MY MAP AS BEING "VERY DIFFICULT OR DANGEROUS". IT WAS A ONE LANE ROAD WITHOUT A PASSING LANE, BUT IT WAS QUITE SAFE; THE VIEWS OF THE RHEIN GORGE

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"THE ALPS WERE FAR BETTER THAN ON THE ALTE-
EIGENSTEIN ROUTE.

SO NOW WE'RE IN CHUR PAYING 9F25 (CASH,
HAG) TO CAMP IN AN OVERFLOWED PARKING LOT
AMONGST A FOREST OF CARAVANS & HOUSE TENTS,
BUT WE GOT HERE LATE & OUR CHOICES WERE FEW.
THEY ALSO HAVE A VERY EXPENSIVE LITTLE
GROCERY STORE HERE, WHICH WAS A GREAT RELIEF.
AS IT'S SATURDAY, I WAS OUT OF FOOD, ALL THE
SUPERMARKETS HAD ALREADY CLOSED.

7-27-86

90km

A FAIR DAY. I STARTED OUT SLOWLY ENOUGH, BUT
SOON FOUND MYSELF RACING DOWN THE RHINE VALLEY
WITH THREE ANONYMOUS CYCLISTS IN TOW. THEY MANAGED
TO KEEP UP FOR TEN MILES (WITH ME PUSHING WIND
THE WHOLE TIME) THEN I TURNED OFF TO FIND A
BAKERY. I CAUGHT UP WITH THEM ABOUT TWENTY
MINUTES LATER & AFTER PASSING THEM AGAIN THEY MADE
NO ATTEMPT TO STAY WITH ME.

SO I MADE IT TO VADUZ IN RECORD TIME & FOR A
TIME CONSIDERED STAYING THE NIGHT THERE (IT'S THE
CAPITAL OF LIECHTENSTEIN), BUT IT SEEMED THERE

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WASN'T ENOUGH THERE TO KEEP ME BUSY FOR MORE
THAN HALF A DAY SO I PUSHED ON. I DID STOP & SEE
THE "BRIEFMARKE" (STAMPS) MUSEUM, WHICH INCLUDED
A COLLECTION OF EVERY ISSUE PUT OUT SINCE LIECH-
TENSTEIN FIRST BEGAN USING STAMPS IN 1912. I
FOUND OUT THEY HAVE ONE STAMP WHICH HAS "A CYCLING
MOTIF: & PART OF A 1958 SPORTS SET. IT WAS FOR SALE
IN A STAMP SHOP THERE FOR 24 SWISS FRANKS (\$14.50!).

BY THE WAY, THE SWISS MONEY IS BROKEN INTO
FRANCS & RAPPEN, THERE BEING 100 RAPPEN PER FRANK.
I NATURALLY ASSUMED THE SMALLER COINS WERE CALLED
CENTIMES. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH LIECHTENSTEIN DOESN'T
HAVE ITS OWN COINS OR PAPER MONEY, SO NO SOUVENIRS.

IT WAS A SHORT RIDE TO AUSTRIA FROM VADUZ &
SINCE IT WAS SUNDAY I CHANGED MY 220 FRENCH FRANKS
FOR 465 AUSTRIAN SHILLINGS. THAT MAKES A SHILLING
WORTH ABOUT 7¢, MORE OR LESS.

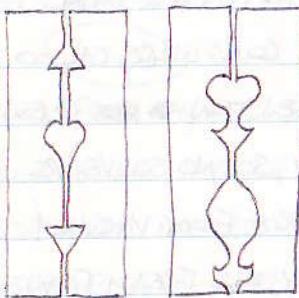
I RODE TO LUSTENAU IN SEARCH OF JOHANN ALGE, WHO
I MET BRIEFLY IN AACHEN. WHEN I
REACHED THE ADDRESS I WAS GIVEN I WAS GREETED BY
AN OLD MAN WHO SPOKE NO ENGLISH & REACTED TO
MY INQUIRIES ABOUT JOHANN (WHICH INCLUDED

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POINTING AT THE ADDRESS IN MY ADDRESS BOOK) WITH A MORE OR LESS BLANK STARE. I PUSHED ON, I'LL LET THAT BE A MYSTERY TO ME.

SO I'M OUTSIDE OF DORNBIRN IN A CAMPGROUND, PAYING AROUND 70 SHILLINGS FOR THE NIGHT, ANOTHER EXPENSIVE PLACE, BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND A TOURIST OFFICE TO FIND OUT WHERE THE CAMPGROUNDS ARE LOCATED IN AUSTRIA, SO I'M STUCK. AT LEAST IT'S NICER THAN THE ONE LAST NIGHT.



HERE ARE A COUPLE MORE BALCONY PATTERNS THAT ARE THE CLOSEST MY MEMORY CAN COME TO RECOLLECTING THEM ACCURATELY. THE ONE ON THE RIGHT IS WAY OFF, BUT I DON'T GUESS THAT MATTERS.

7-28-86

120 Km

GOOD LUCK! BAD LUCK TODAY. THE GOOD LUCK WAS FINDING A KUMMERBUCH TOURING MAP OF AUSTRIA BESIDE THE ROAD THIS AM. THE BAD LUCK WAS BREAKING MY SOUVENIR SPANISH SONGBOOKS THIS AFTERNOON.

I HAD A HARD SICK TODAY, AS USUAL, I ENDED UP

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A32

GIVING A BIT FARTHER THAN I WANTED, BUT ONLY ABOUT 10 KM FARTHER. I DID TWO PASSES TODAY, BOTH VERY LONG & STEEP, ESPECIALLY THE SECOND. THE FIRST WAS BÖDELE, A GAIN OF 710M, THE SECOND WAS HOCH-TANNBERGPASS, A GAIN OF NEARLY 1000 METERS, MOST OF WHICH WAS 14% GRADE. AFTER THEM IT WAS A GRADUAL DOWNTHILL INTO A STIFF HEADWIND, SO EVEN THAT WASN'T QUITE A PLEASANT RIDE.

I'M ONCE AGAIN IN A LAND OF CHEAP FOOD. BANANAS ABOUT 40¢/LB, O.J. 80¢/LITER, BAKED GOODS AT HALF THE PRICE OF THOSE IN SWITZERLAND. SWITZERLAND OBVIOUSLY IS VERY PROTECTIONIST, THOUGH THEY DISGUISE IT (LIKE THE FRENCH) IN THE FORM OF VARIOUS REGULATIONS AS TO (CAN) DESIGNS (THE CANS ALL HAVE A WHITE LINER), REQUIRED INGREDIENTS (I THINK THAT'S WHERE THE BAKED GOODS GET PRICEY - REAL BUTTER FROM THE SWISS DAIRY INDUSTRY, ETC...), ETC...

I WAS PLANNING ON CAMPING TONIGHT, BUT CHANGED MY MIND WHEN I FOUND IT TO BE OVER 100 SHILLINGS (\$7). I THOUGHT I'D FREE CAMP, BUT DECIDED TO CHECK OUT THE HOSTEL IN REUTTE

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FIRST. I'M GLAD I DID. IT'S 40\$50/NIGHT (2 \$3).
THERE ARE VERY FEW FOLKS HERE. THE ONLY
OTHERS ARE A SMALL GROUP OF SPANIARDS, SO
I'LL PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO MY VALUABLES. NO
SENSE MAKING THIS THE 'MADRID OF THE NORTH'.

IN A MORE EDUCATIONAL VAIN, AUSTRIAN MONEY
CONSISTS OF 100 GROSCHEN WHICH MAKE ONE SHILLING, THE
SMALLEST COIN BEING 10 GROSCHEN. THE SMALLEST BILL
SEEMS TO BE 20 SHILLINGS.

7-29-86

95 Km

I THOUGHT I'D HAVE ANOTHER DAY OF RIDING UP
DOWN A LOT OF HILLS, BUT IT'S BEEN MOSTLY FLAT ALL
DAY. I GOT AN EARLY START & TRIED TO SPEND MOST
OF MY AUSTRIAN SHILLINGS BEFORE LEAVIN' THE COUNTRY.

THE FIRST PLACE I VISITED IN GERMANY WAS NEU-
SCHÄNSTEIN, THE CASTLE THAT DISNEY'S MAGIC KINGDOM
IS MODELED AFTER. THE PLACE COULD DO A LOT TO
MAKE THINGS LESS CONFUSING. THE ONLY THINGS EASY TO
FIND ARE THE PARKING LOTS. AFTER DEALING WITH THE
TRAFFIC & CONFUSION FOR A WHILE, I DECIDED TO BUY
ONE SLIDE & ONE POSTCARD, THEN LEAVE. I'VE SEEN
IT ALL BEFORE ANYWAY.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO SEE IN BAVARIA, SAVE
MUNICH (GO BIG), GARMISCH (IVE SEEN IT), & BERTHES-
GARTEN (GO FAR), SO I'M HEADED FOR AUGSBURG TO
EITHER SEE SOMETHING OR AT LEAST FIGURE OUT
WHAT TO SEE.

IVE ONCE AGAIN TRAVELED A BIT FARTHER THAN
I WANTED, & ONCE AGAIN DUE TO HIGH PRICES. I
STOPPED AT A CAMPGROUND OUTSIDE OF BAD WÖRISHOFEN
& FOUND OUT IT COST 10 DM 50 + KURTAX. THE
MARK IS WORTH ABOUT 48¢ RIGHT NOW, SO THAT'S
OVER \$5.

LUCKILY A FOREST RESERVE WASN'T FAR AWAY,
SO I'M FREE CAMPING AMONGST MY OLD FRIENDS
(NEAR MARKTWEID)
THE PINE TREES ABOUT 40 KM SW OF AUGSBURG.

I THINK I'LL DO SO A LOT IN BAVARIA SINCE I
CAN'T USE THE YOUTH HOSTELS B(CAUSE I'M OVER 21)

I MANAGED TO FIND MYSELF A NEW PAIR OF SUN-
GLASSES TODAY. THEY SET ME BACK 14 DM 50, BUT
I COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN BY WITHOUT 'EM. IF ^{my} EYES
DIDN'T BECOME SWOLLEN DUE TO DUST, I ^{WE} PROBABLY
HAD ^{HAD} HALF A DOZEN BUGS TRYING TO FLY INTO THEM.

(7-30-86)

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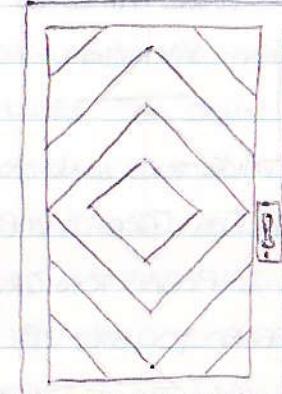
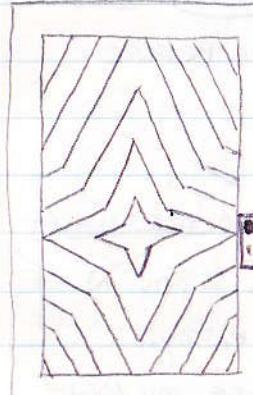
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120 Km

TODAY STARTED OUT O.K. WITH AN EASY RIDE INTO AUGSBURG AFTER A LATE START. AND AUGSBURG WAS NICE, THOUGH IT DIDN'T WARRANT SPENDING A LOT OF TIME THERE. MY SIGHTSEEING THERE WAS UNEXPECTEDLY CUT SHORT WHEN I GOT CAUGHT UP IN A CONSTRUCTION DETOUR & WAS OUT OF TOWN BEFORE I KNEW IT.

IT SEEMS THE MOST INTERESTING THING ABOUT AUGSBURG IS THE "FUGGEREI", A 'SOCIAL HOME' AS THE WOMAN AT THE TOURIST OFFICE CALLED IT. I GUESS IT WAS BUILT IN THE EARLY 16TH CENTURY BY THE WEALTHY FUGGER FAMILY TO HOUSE THE POOR & DISABLED.

I DON'T SEE AS MANY BALCONIES ANYMORE & THE ONES I DO SEE TEND TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF LARGER PIECES OF WOOD THAN THOSE I WOULD USE IF I BUILT A HOUSE. BUT FOR SOME TIME NOW I'VE NOTICED QUITE A NUMBER OF INTERESTING DOORS & RECORDED SOME OF THEM ON THE NEXT PAGE. MOST OF THEM ARE MADE OF 2x6's OR 2x8's WITH ROUTERED EDGES ON THE STREET-FACIAL SIDE. IN SWITZERLAND, THE



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MAJORITY OF THE DOORS PAINTED A DARK COLOR (NAVY BLUE, DK BROWN, BLACK) & THE ROUTERED JOINTS PAINTED A BRIGHTER, CONTRASTING COLOR. THE EFFECT IS GREAT, THOUGH IT'S BEST IF THERE'S ONLY A SLIGHT CONTRAST.

I WAS GOING TO GO TO A CAMPGROUND TONIGHT,

BUT I'M TIRED & AM WONDERING IF I SHOULD FREE CAMP AGAIN INSTEAD. THAT WAY I'D MISS A SHOWER AGAIN, BUT I'D BE BETTER ABLE TO AFFORD ONE NIGHT IN A GASTHOF IN NÜRNBERG, SOMETHING I REALLY OUGHT TO TRY. AFTER NÜRNBERG I'LL BE OUT OF BAVARIA & ABLE TO USE HOSTELS IF THEY'RE A BETTER DEAL THAN CAMPGROUNDS. I'M ALSO CONSIDERING VISITING N.E. FRANCE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHEAP

25,030

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CAMPING SINCE I'LL HAVE TIME TO KILL BEFORE
MIKE RETURNS FROM VACATION.

IT DIDN'T TAKE TOO LONG TO DECIDE WHAT
TO DO TONIGHT: I'M FREE CAMPING 2 KM N. OF
MONHEIM, WHERE I BEGAN TONIGHT'S ENTRY.

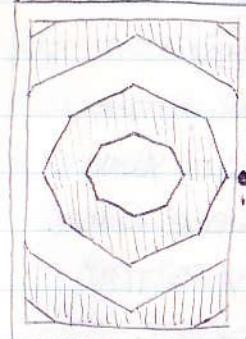
I FELT I NEEDED TO STOP BECAUSE MY RIGHT
GROIN MUSCLE IS VERY TIGHT & A BIT SORE. THAT
HAPPENS WHEN I GET A LEFT SIDE WIND. MY RIGHT
SIDE SEEMS TO WORK EXTRA HARD TO KEEP ME ON
COURSE & ALREADY DOING MOST OF THE WORK ANYWAY.

IVE NOTICED THERE'S A CAMPGROUND IN THE SUBURBS
OF NÜRNBERG, SO I MAY GO THERE TOMORROW SO I
CAN SHOWER & CHANGE BEFORE GOING SIGHTSEEING.

7-31-86

80km

I MANAGED TO DO QUITE A BIT OF SIGHTSEEING
TODAY AROUND NÜRNBERG. I GOT A LIST OF HOTELS
FROM THE TOURIST OFFICE WHEN THEY OPENED AT 2 PM
& STARTED LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO STAY. THE FIRST
FEW PLACES I TRIED WERE BOOKED, BUT I FOUND A
NICE ROOM AT HOTEL HANNWEBER FOR 35DM, WITH 30-
35DM BEING THE CHEAP PRICE RANGE.



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THAT'S A BIT MUCH, BUT WORTH IT
CONSIDERING HOW MUCH I NEEDED A
SHOWER. YOU DON'T REALIZE THE
HUMIDITY SO MUCH WHEN RIDING A
BIKE 'CAUSE THE WIND KEEPS YOU COOL,
BUT IT'S BEEN VERY HUMID LATELY
& IT'S HARD TO SIT STILL WITHOUT
WORKING UP A SWEAT.

ANYWAY, I FOUND ANOTHER DOOR DESIGN (ABOVE).
IT'S PRETTY EASY TO DESIGN YOUR OWN 'CAUSE THEY'RE
ALL GEOMETRIC PATTERNS. THEY LOOK REAL SHARP
IF THEY'RE PAINTED AS I'VE SHADED THE ONE ABOVE,
PARTICULARLY IF THE COLORS ARE USED THROUGHOUT
THE BUILDING AS ACCENTS FOR SHUTTERS, WINDOW SILLS,
~~WENT~~ I ~~WENT~~ LOOKING FOR STAMPS TODAY. THE LIECHTEIS-
STEIN 1958 SPORTS SET GOES FOR 50DM! IT WAS THE
EQUIVALENT OF 30 DM IN VAUDZ. I'LL LOOK AROUND.

I SAW MY FIRST COUPLE OF MUSEUMS IN GERMANY
TODAY, THE NATURAL HISTORY & GERMANIC NAT'L MUSEUMS.
I CHOSE THEM 'CAUSE THEY'RE FREE & WHY PAY WHEN
EVERYTHING'S IN GERMAN?

8-1-86

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430

45Km

I'm BACK IN 'KIDDIE-LAND', STAYING AT THE HOSTEL IN REGLINKEN. IT'S PACKED WITH YOUNG GERMANS CYCLING UP & DOWN THE TAUBER RIVER. I DOUBT IF ANY OF THEM WILL QUALIFY AS TRAVELLING COMPANIONS, BUT I'LL KEEP A LOOK OUT.

I RAN INTO ANOTHER AMERICAN TOURIST BY BIKE TODAY WHILE IN ROTENBERG. HIS NAME'S MIKE & HE'S A TEACHER FROM NEW YORK. WE SHOT THE BREEZE FOR A WHILE & HE DECIDED TO PAY 12DM TO CAMP; I OPTED FOR 14DM30 (INCLUDING BREAKFAST) TO HOSTEL. IT'S HARD TO SAY WHO WAS THE WISER. I'LL PROBABLY CAMP TOMORROW AS IT'S SATURDAY, THE HOSTELS WILL BE FULL OR NEARLY SO, SO IT WON'T BE WORTH THE HASSLE.

IT RAINED LIKE HELL LAST NIGHT, SO I'M ESPECIALLY GLAD I STAYED INDOORS ~~REALLY~~. IT SOUNDED AS THOUGH IT WOULD RAIN ALL DAY WHEN I AWOKE, BUT IT STOPPED BEFORE 8AM & BY 2PM IT WAS CLEAR & SUNNY.

I STOPPED TO SKATEBOARD IN ROTENBERG, A VERY WELL PRESERVED MEDIEVAL CITY, BUT NOTHIN' WAS TOO

OUTSTANDING. TAKEN AS A WHOLE THE PLACE IS EXCEPTIONAL, BUT NOTHING BY ITSELF SEEMED WORTH A PICTURE.

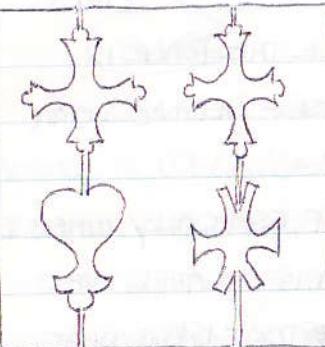
SOMETHING I'VE SEEN A LOT OF, ESPECIALLY WHEN I FIRST ENTERED BAVARIA IS THE THING I've DRAWN TO THE LEFT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS OR WHAT IT'S CALLED, BUT IT SEEMS TO BE A PINE TREE THAT'S BEEN STRIPPED OF ITS BARK EXCEPT FOR THE UPPERMOST BRANCHES THAT ARE LEFT INTACT. BELOW THAT ARE SUSPENDED USUALLY 2 OR 3 PINE BUNCHES; THEN ANY NUMBER OF CARVINGS OR EMBLEMS WHICH SEEM TO DEPICT SERVICES; RECREATIONAL POSSIBILITIES IN TOWNS.

8-2-86

85 Km

IT TURNED OUT THAT THE 5DM50 I PAID FOR BREAKFAST WAS WELL WORTH IT. I GOT A BOWL OF MUESLI (GRANOLA) WITH FRESH FRUIT, TWO ROLLS, TWO PIECES OF LUNCH MEAT, CHEESE, JAM, A HUGE LUMP OF BUTTER & THREE CUPS OF STRONG COFFEE. IT REALLY GOT ME GOIN'.

I STOPPED AT WÜRZBURG TO LOOK AROUND; IT



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WASN'T AS INTERESTING AS I HAD HOPED. I DID RUN INTO A DISCOUNT STAMP SHOP & PICKED UP SOME 'CYCLING' SETS FROM BELGIUM, BERLIN, & GREAT BRITAIN.

I ALSO SPOTTED THE BALCONY PATTERN ABOVE AS I WAS LEAVING TOWN. THE TOP HALF IS ACTUALLY MORE SLENDER OR DELICATE THAN I've DRAWN IT, BUT I've CAPTURED THE BASIC IDEA.

IT'S TURNED OUT TO BE A HOT, HUMID SLOG THIS AFTERNOON - IT's 90° ^{it's} & ALMOST UNBEARABLE BUT FOR A PEASANT BREEZE. AT LEAST IT'S ONLY ABOUT 25KM TO THE CAMPGROUND AT WERTHEIM, WHERE I'LL MOST LIKELY SPEND THE NIGHT.

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IM CAMPED AT WERTHEIM, AS I'D THOUGHT. WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED I THOUGHT CAMPING WAS 12 DM30 PER NIGHT, BUT IT TURNS OUT IT'S 9DM 25 'CAUSE THEY ALLOW FOLKS WITH SMALL TENTS TO SHARE A SITE.

I STOPPED IN WERTHEIM 'CAUSE THEY'RE HAVING A

25,275

A38

FEST THIS WEEKEND & I PICKED UP A SOUVENIR BEER MUG FOR 2DM & DRANK SOME SOUVENIR BEERS (400ml) FOR 2DM50 (EACH).

ONCE AGAIN I'M SURROUNDED BY GERMAN ^{CYCLISTS}, BUT THIS IS A MUCH MORE MATURE CROWD THAN AT THE HOSTELS. I ~~WISH~~ I HAD LEARNED AT LEAST ENOUGH GERMAN TO START A CONVERSATION.

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65km

ANOTHER HOT DAY - EASILY OVER 100° WHEN THERE'S NO SHADE, BUT LUCKILY THERE'S ^{LONG} AREN'T TOO MANY "STRETCHIES" IN THE OPEN SUN.

I KINDA LIKED THE CAMPGROUNDS AT WERTHEIM. THEY HAVE A SPIN DRYER IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM THAT YOU CAN USE FOR FREE. ABOUT TWO MINUTES IN THAT LITTLE BABY & YOUR CLOTHES ARE ALMOST DRY. THEY'RE A GREAT IDEA.

IM PRETTY SURE I'LL SHORTEN MY PLANNED DISTANCE TODAY. IT'S JUST TOO DAMN HOT & I KEEP PASSING THROUGH PICTURESQUE LITTLE TOWNS & NOTHING SEEMS WORTH A PICTURE. IM JUST PIDDLING AROUND FINDING WAY TO KILL TIME UNTIL I GET TO MIKE'S (OR RATHER TIL HE GETS HOME), SO IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE.

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430

I'M STAYING AT THE HOSTEL IN ERBACH ; IT'S GREAT. IT'S JUST ME, A GUY FROM MAINZHEIM (WHO SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH) ; I'M EMPTY BEDS. PLUS THEY'VE GOT LOADS OF PICTURES ON THE WALLS OF DIFFERENT SIGHTS TO SEE IN THE SURROUNDING AREA, SO I'LL EVEN HAVE SOMEWHAT OF AN ITINERARY WHEN I HIT THE ROAD TOMORROW.

8-4-86

80Km

A PRETTY GOOD DAY. I GOT TO HEIDELBERG EARLY AFTER A GOOD BREAKFAST + FOUR CUPS OF COFFEE ; SPENT A LAZY DAY SIGHTSEEING.

I PLANNED ON STAYING AT THE HOSTEL IN HEIDELBERG THIS EVENING, BUT IT WAS BOOKED UP. ONCE I FINALLY GOT AROUND TO CHECKING IT OUT, SO AFTER SORTING OUT MY OPTIONS I'VE ENDED UP AT SPEYER FOR THE NIGHT.

THE HOSTEL HERE IS GREAT ; THERE'S A GUY HERE FROM MAIDENHEAD ; A LOAD OF ~~THE~~ GIRLIES FROM IRELAND, SO THERE'S NO LACK OF COMPANY.

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE TOWN MIGHT BE INTERESTING AS WELL, SO I'LL PLAN ON A LITTLE SIGHTSEEING IN THE MORNING BEFORE TAKING A

25,500

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SHORT RIDE TO KARLSRUHE.

8-5-86

145Km

I DID A ~~BIT~~ BIT MORE MILEAGE THAN ANTICIPATED TODAY. I MET AN ENGLISH FELLOW LAST NIGHT, RICHARD GIBBONS, + WE CYCLED TO KARLSRUHE TOGETHER. FROM THERE ^{WE} PARTED COMPANY AS HE WAS HEADED TO STRASBOURG. I WANTED TO GO TO THE BLACK FOREST.

I MADE A WRONG TURN IN ETTALLEN ; HAD TO CHANGE MY ROUTE. IT TURNED OUT THAT MEANT SLEGGING A FEW "K"s UP A 17% GRADE HILL, ONLY TO LOSE IT ALL ON THE WAY DOWN THE OTHER SIDE. I DECIDED NOT GO ANY FARTHER INTO THE BLACK FOREST TO AVOID CYCLING OVER A BUNCH OF RIDGES TOMORROW ; CYCLED TO KEHL INSTEAD.

KEHL IS OPPOSITE STRASBOURG, FRANCE ON THE RHINE RIVER ; ^{IM} STAYING HERE AT THE HOSTEL IN A ROOM CRAMMED WITH 13 OTHER GUYS.

I CAUGHT UP WITH RICHARD HERE ; WE LOOKED AROUND TOWN ; ATE SOME GERMAN FAST FOOD (CURRYWURST) ; HAD A COUPLE BEERS. KEHL'S A PRETTY BORING PLACE - NO BUILDINGS OF ANY INTEREST AT ALL ; FEW BARS + RESTAURANTS,

25,590

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SO IT'S BEEN GREAT TO HAVE THE COMPANY.

(8-6-86)

90km

I'VE DONE IT FOR THE THIRD TIME. I FORGOT TO PICK UP MY HOSTEL CARD THIS MORNING, NOW I'M 75KM DOWN THE ROAD.

I'VE ALMOST FORGOTTEN IN MOST OF THE HOSTELS IN GERMANY BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS HAVE THE RECEPTION CLOSED DURING BREAKFAST HOURS, WHICH IS USUALLY WHEN I WANT TO LEAVE. THAT, PLUS ONCE AGAIN ALLOWING MYSELF TO BE DISTRACTED BY SOMEBODY'S COMPANY (RICARDO) HAS CAUSED ME TO SCREW UP YET AGAIN. HOPEFULLY THEY'LL MAIL IT TO MIKE'S PLACE FOR ME.

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I'VE DECIDED TO CALL IT A DAY AT DAHN, WHERE THEY'VE LET ME STAY DESPITE NO CARD. THAT MIGHT BE BECAUSE THERE ARE ONLY TWO OTHER "GUESTS" RIGHT NOW; OVER ONE HUNDRED EMPTY BEDS.

THIS IS A PRETTY INTERESTING AREA. IT HAS A LOT OF NATURAL ROCK FORMATIONS ATOP HILLS COVERED WITH PINE TREES. A NUMBER OF THE ROCK FORMATIONS HAVE BEEN CONVERTED INTO CASTLES WHICH

(HAO)

ARE MAINLY IN RUINS NOW.

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I PASSED THROUGH FRANCE FOR A FEW HOURS TODAY THOUGH I DIDN'T CHANGE ANY MONEY; I DID VERY LITTLE SIGHTSEEING. I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE AREA IS CALLED, BUT IT'S THE NW CORNER; PEOPLE SPEAK A BIZARRE MIX OF GERMAN & FRENCH. IT MAY BE ALSACE.

I CYCLED ACROSS THE VALLEY JUST NOW TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE CASTLE RUIN, ALDAHN. IT TURNS OUT THERE ARE ACTUALLY THREE SEPARATE CASTLES SIDE-BY-SIDE: ALDAHN TO THE WEST, GRAFFENDAHLN IN THE MIDDLE & TANNSTEIN TO THE EAST.

THEY ARE MAINLY DUG OUT OF RED SANDSTONE WITH WALLS OF CUT STONE USED WHERE NEEDED. THEY WERE BUILT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 12TH CENT.

(8-7-86)

100km

I GOT A KILLER TAILWIND FOR MY BIRTHDAY TODAY, SO I MADE IT TO WORMS WITH MINIMAL EFFORT. I ALSO WENT OUT; BOUGHT 40DM WORTH OF CYCLING STAMPS AS A PRESENT TO MYSELF.

I THOUGHT I'D TRY TO STAY AT THE HOSTEL IN WORMS TONIGHT, BUT NO LUCK. THE GUY TRIED

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TO GIVE ME A BUNCH OF CRUD ABOUT HOW ANYBODY
COULD USE A SIMILAR STORY TO TRY TO GET IN, BUT
IT REALLY BOILED DOWN TO THE FACT THAT THEY
WERE NEARLY BOOKED; TURNING ME AWAY WAS
EASIER TO DO THAN TURNING AWAY SOMEONE WITH
A CARD.

SO I'M CAMPING BESIDE THE RHINE RIVER FOR
10,- DM. I'M SURE THAT INCLUDES BEING SERV-
EDED BY DIESEL-ENGINEED BARGES ALL NIGHT
LONG AS WELL.

I'LL BE IN B.K. EARLY TOMORROW. HOPEFULLY
MIKE WILL BE BACK; I'LL HAVE SOME MAIL.

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PEOPLE ARE GREAT FUN. I JUST FINISHED TAKING
A COLD SHOWER RATHER THAN WAITING FOR A SHOWER
WITH HOT WATER. WHEN I GOT OUT, THERE WAS A
RATHER PERTURBED LOOKING GENTLEMAN WAITING TO GET
IN. I DON'T KNOW IF HE WAS PISSED 'CAUSE HE
HAD TO WAIT IN LINE, 'CAUSE I TOOK TOO LONG OR
WHAT, BUT I DECIDED NOT TO WARN HIM ABOUT
THE SHOWER. TEN SECONDS LATER HE COMES OUT
& DECIDES TO FLIP ME SOME SHIT IN GERMAN

25,745

443

ABOUT THE SHOWER BEING "KAPUT". IT TOOK
SAME EFFORT TO KEEP FROM BUSTIN' OUT LAUGHIN';
INSTEAD I TOLD HIM ~~THAT~~ IT WORKED FINE FOR ME
^{UP}; WALKED WHILE HE WAS STILL MUMBLIN'.

8-8-86

55km

NOTHING WORTH MENTIONING ABOUT THE RIDE FROM
WORMS. PRETTY BLAND SCENERY; A GOOD HEAD
WIND ABOUT 2/3 OF THE WAY - THE 1/3 THAT
TOOK ME EAST.

I GOT IN TOWN AROUND ONE; WAS SUR-
PRISED TO FIND EVERYBODY HOME, THEY GOT
BACK LATE LAST NIGHT.

I'VE MANAGED TO GET A LOT DONE SINCE
GETTING HERE. I'VE GOTTERN MORE MONEY CHANGED,
BOUGHT EXTRA FILM THAT CAN BE PROCESSED IN
THE STATES, FOUND OUT THAT I CAN GET 27X1 1/4"
TIRES ANYWHERE (EVEN AUTO PARTS STORES), READ
ALL MY MAIL (17 CARDS & LETTERS) & SAW A
MOVIE (IRON EAGLE) ON BASE.

I GOT A TINY PEWTER ALLIGATOR FROM ALEA IN HOPES
OF BETTER LUCK REGARDING DISAPPEARING POSSESSIONS.
IT'S GREAT WHETHER IT WORKS OR NOT.

25,745

444

ILONA CALLED THE HOSTEL IN KEHL FOR ME.
THEY'RE GONNA MAIL OUT MY CARD. SHE SAID THE
WOMAN WASN'T TOO PLEASANT; THAT I'D HAVE TO
PAY THE POSTAGE, THOUGH WE DON'T KNOW HOW THAT
WILL WORK.

8-9-86

No Km's

NOT MUCH GOING ON TODAY.

I ~~VE~~ SPENT MOST OF THE DAY JUST TRYING TO
GET ORGANISED AGAIN, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT
WHAT I NEED TO ACCOMPLISH WHILE IN B.K. +
ATTEMPT TO ASSESS MY FINANCIAL NEEDS FOR THE
NEXT TWO MONTHS.

PLAIN

I ONLY HAVE ONE "CHECK LEFT WHICH I CAN
CASH FOR \$700 BEFORE LEAVING HERE + ABOUT
\$600 IN CASH + TRAVELLERS CHECKS. THAT'S MORE
THAN ENOUGH TO GET ME TO AMSTERDAM, BUT
SINCE I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THE PLANE FARE
TO THE STATES IS, I MAY BE SHORT OF CASH FOR
THE MAJOR SHOPPING SPREE I'D ANTICIPATED FOR
THE END OF THE TRIP.

I ALSO HAVE A CHECK FOR \$300 FOR MY
FLORIDA ACCT. IF I CASH THAT I'LL HAVE

25,745

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LOTS OF CASH, EVEN IF THE PLANE FARE IS UP
TO \$500 + HOPEFULLY IT'LL BE LESS THAN \$300.

I ROUNDED OUT THE DAY HELPING MIKE +
MIKE CLEAN OUT THE GARDEN.

8-10-86

No Km's

I JUST GOT SOME DISTURBING NEWS. MIKE
GOT MY SLIDES OUT OF HIS LOCKER AT WORK,
ALL THE PICTURES I TOOK IN EUROPE WITH MY
FIRST ROLL ~~FILM~~ ARE 'FOGGED' ON ONE SIDE, BUT
MY PICTURES FROM THE STATES ARE FINE.

UNDoubtedly IT'S DUE TO X-RAY DAMAGE +
I CAN'T REMEMBER IF I HAND CARRIED MY
FILM IN ORDER TO BYPASS THE X-RAY MACHINE
OR NOT TO PREVENT THE SAME FROM HAPPENING
TO THE OTHER 14 ROLLS. THE WORST PART IS NOT
KNOWING IF SOME OF THOSE ROLLS THAT I'M STILL
CARRYING ARE ANY GOOD OR NOT. I'LL BUY MORE
FRESH FILM SO THAT I AT LEAST HAVE GOOD PICTURES
OF MY LAST FEW WEEKS HERE.

THE MORE I THINK ABOUT HOW I CARRIED MY
FILM OVER HERE I'M SURE THAT ~~THE~~ EXTRA

25,745

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ROLLS CAME OVER WITH MY EXTRA BAGGAGE, NOT AS CARRY-ON, SO I'LL JUST HAVE TO HOPE THAT THE BAGGAGE WASN'T RUN THROUGH AN X-RAY MACHINE. THERE'S A FAIR CHANCE IT WASN'T AS THAT WAS BEFORE 'UNCLE RON' BOMBED LIBYA.

ANYWAY, I PASSED THE DAY FINDING THE CATALOG NUMBERS OF ALL THE BICYCLE STAMPS ISSUED IN WESTERN EUROPE UP TO 1978 AND HELPED MIKE LAY SOME BRICKS IN THE BACKYARD WHEN I GOT BACK.

8-13-86

No Km's

MIKE & I WENT TO MAINZ YESTERDAY SO I COULD FIND SOME GAITERS TO KEEP MY SHINS DRY IF I HAVE TO RIDE IN THE RAIN ONCE I HIT THE ROAD AGAIN.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE ALSO FOUND A GREAT STAMP SHOP ALONG THE WAY & I BOUGHT 60,- DM WORTH OF STAMPS. BUT NOW I'VE ONLY GOT 20 SETS TO GO BEFORE I HAVE ALL WESTERN EUROPE STAMPS ISSUED UP TO 1978 & I'LL GET AT LEAST FIVE MORE SETS BEFORE I RETURN HOME.

MIKE & I WENT BOWLING YESTERDAY AS WELL

25,750

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I TRIED BOWLING LEFT HANDED. I HAD MY FOOTWORK DOWN FAIRLY WELL AFTER THE FIRST GAME BUT STILL COULDN'T BREAK 100. STILL, IT WAS GOOD EXERCISE FOR MY LEFT SIDE AS MY ARM IS PRETTY SORE TODAY.

MIKE & I ONCE AGAIN SPENT AN EVENING DIGGING UP THE BACKYARD & LAYING BRICKS. WE SHOULD BE FINISHED NOW. WE ALSO PUT ^{UP} A TENT IN THE BACK YARD AFTER MIKE & HIS FRIEND ROBERT, MADE A MESS OF THINGS TRYING TO DO IT THEMSELVES.

TODAY'S AGENDA SHOULD BE PICTURE HANGING & FIXING MIKE JR'S REAR DERAILLEUR - IT GOT WRAPPED UP IN HIS REAR SPOKES & MANAGED EVERYTHING PRETTY GOOD.

8-15-86

5km

I GUESS IT'S ONE AGAIN TIME TO GET CAUGHT UP ON EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS. MOST OF THE TIME I'VE JUST ~~SPENT~~ RELAXING & DOING JUST ABOUT NOTHING, BUT A COUPLE DAYS AGO I DID ABOUT FOUR HOURS OF WORK REPAIRING MIKE JR'S & ROBERT'S BIKES.

ON MIKE'S BIKE I PUT ON, ADJUSTED A NEW REAR

(25,750)

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DERAILLEUR, TRUED BOTH WHEELS, REPLACED FOUR SPOKES, STRAIGHTENED OUT THE CHAIN GUARD ON HIS FRONT CRANKSET ; ADJUSTED HIS FRONT DERAILLEUR. ~~RE~~ I ALSO ADJUSTED HIS REAR AXLE BEARINGS ; HE REPLACED BOTH HIS REAR TIRES THE DAY BEFORE, SO HE'S ALMOST GOT A NEW BIKE. I'M GLAD THINGS WENT SO WELL. I TRIED TO ADJUST HIS FRONT BRAKES THE DAY BEFORE ; HAD VERY LIMITED SUCCESS ; FELT LIKE AN IDIOT, SO HAVING EVERYTHING GO SO WELL WAS GREAT.

Robert's Bike was a mess. We replaced one spoke ; I attempted to true his wheels, but they had been dented in so many places ; the spokes were so loose that the best I could do was tension 'em ; get 'em fairly true.

I've spent most of my productive time in the past couple of days trying to get things organized before I head out again, probably tomorrow. I got my shoes glued back together in hopes that they'll survive another month or so. I think they will. I got some souvenirs, etc... shipped back

(25,845)

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TO THE STATES, & MY CLOTHES ! SLEEPING BAG WASHED.

I ALSO BOUGHT A FEW MORE STAMPS (14DM WORTH) AT THE LOCAL STAMP SHOP ; TRIED TO FIND A BALL FOR BROWN DOG & COURTNEY WITHOUT SUCCESS.

THE 'JAHRMARKT' STARTS TONIGHT. IT'S BASICALLY A HUGE CARNIVAL OR COUNTY FAIR. I GUESS MIKE & ILONA ; I WILL GO HAVE A LOOK AT IT AFTER HAVING SOME NACHOS TONIGHT.

(3-16-86)

(95km)

A GOOD DAY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT I HAVE A SORE KNEE ; THAT I FAILED TO BUY GROCERIES FOR TOMORROW, SUNDAY.

THINGS GOT ROLLING A 5:30AM WHEN MIKE WOKE ME UP TO GO ON A VOLKSMARCH AT MONZLINGEN (?). I WALKED IT WITH MIKE JR & ROBERT WHILE MIKE RAN IT. IT ~~WAS~~ WAS ELEVEN KILOMETERS ROUGHLY 40% UPHILL ; ITS PROBABLY WHY MY KNEE IS SORE. BUT IT WAS FUN ; AT THE END I GOT A LITTLE STATUE SHOWING I HAD COMPLETED THE COURSE.

MIKE SANG BY THE KASERNE ON THE WAY BACK

(25945)

452

? PICKED UP THREE PACKAGES OF SLIDES ; A LETTER FROM ALIA THAT HAD COME FOR ME. GOOD NEWS!! - MY SLIDES ARE O.K. - THE FILM WASN'T 'FOGGED' BY X-RAY EQUIPMENT.

IVE ENDED UP IN LIMBURG, AT THE HOSTEL, FOR THE NIGHT. I WANTED TO GO FARTHER BUT I DIDNT GET AS EARLY A START AS I HAD PLANNED. HOW FAR I GO TOMORROW DEPENDS ON HOW THE KNEE HOLDS UP.

(8-17-86)

(100km)

A FAIR DAY. LOTS OF CASTLES TO SEE, BUT NOT MUCH ELSE. PLENTY OF 10% + GRADES AS WELL, BUT THERE SHOULDN'T BE TOO MANY MORE OF 'EM BEFORE THINGS GET PRETTY FLAT.

NOT HAVING ANY FOOD WAS NO PROBLEM TODAY. I FOUND A MCDONALDS IN GIessen ; MARBURG ? HAD BREAKFAST AT THE HOSTEL, SO I DIDNT EVEN NEED TO FIND A BAKERY. IT'S A GOOD THING TOO, AS THE ONLY ONE I SAW TODAY WAS BOARDDED UP.

MY KNEE WAS STILL A BIT SORE TODAY, THE STEEP GRADES DIDN'T HELP, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN YESTERDAY & SHOULD BE FINE BY TOMORROW.

(26,065)

453

I'M AT THE HOSTEL IN MARBURG TONIGHT. LUCKILY THERE ARE ONLY A DOZEN OR SO SOLO TRAVELLERS HERE. IT'S A WELCOME RELIEF AFTER A BUSLOAD OF PINT-SIZED MONSTERS LAST NIGHT.

(8-18-86)

(120 km)

THINGS DIDN'T GET OFF TO A GREAT START TODAY, BUT THEY'RE TURNING OUT O.K.

FIRST, IT RAINED NEARLY NON-STOP FOR FIVE HOURS. SECOND, THE GERMAN AUTO CLUB MAP IVE GOT SUCKS. IT DOESN'T SHOW ENOUGH OF THE SMALL TOWNS. THIRD, GETTING THROUGH KASSEL WAS A ROYAL PAIN IN THE ASS. ID GO FOR TWO KM ; MY ROAD WOULD BECOME AUTOBAHN ; ID HAVE TO DETOUR 3 OR 4 KM TO FIND ANOTHER ROAD, PLUS THERE WERE LOTS OF SHIT-HEADED GERMANS MOTIONING FOR ME TO USE THE BIKE PATHS WHICH USUALLY WENT ONLY A COUPLE HUNDRED METERS ; THEN ENDED. FOURTH, I DIDNT GET TO A BANK TO CHANGE MONEY - IVE GOT 85 PFENNIG RIGHT NOW ; ~~THE~~ FIFTH, I'M A GRUBBY MESS 'CAUSE WITH NO FRONT FENDER MUDDY RAINWATER GOES EVERYWHERE.

ANYWAY, I'M STAYING AT THE HOSTEL AT HAN-

(26,150)

45A

MÜNDEN ; SO FAR I HAVE A Room TO MYSELF, BUT IF MORE PEOPLE DO SHOW UP THE PERSONLY THREE BEDS ANYWAY SO THINGS CAN'T GET CROWDED.

I'VE DECIDED I'M NOT GOING TO HAMBURG AS GETTING THROUGH IT LOOKS TEN TIME WORSE ON THE MAP THAN KASSEL DOES. I'LL AVOID ALL THE BIG CITIES EXCEPT LÜBECK BETWEEN HERE / COPENHAGEN.

(8-19-86)

85Km

ANOTHER DAY OF RAIN, SO I DECIDED TO SHORTEN MY ROUTE TODAY. BY DOING THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN A REASONABLE PACE OF FIFTY ~~MILES~~ MILES OR SO PER DAY IF THE RAIN KEEPS UP. OTHERWISE I WOULD HAVE HAD TO DO EITHER 20 MILES OR ^{ABOUT} EIGHTY TOMORROW IN ORDER TO REACH A YOUTH HOSTEL.

I HOPE IT STOPS RAINING SOON, THOUGH I KNOW IT'S POSSIBLE IT COULD RAIN UNTIL I LEAVE EUROPE. THERE'VE BEEN A FEW INTERESTING SIGHTS TODAY, ^{BUT} YOU DON'T FEEL MUCH LIKE TAKING PICTURES WHEN IT MEANS STANDING IN THE RAIN, TRYING TO PEEL OFF WET GLOVES, DRYING YOUR HANDS, DIGGING THE CAMERA OUT OF THE PANNIER ; TAKING

(26,225)

45A

IT OUT OF ~~THE~~ A PLASTIC BAG, THEN TRY^{ING} TO CENTER YOUR PICTURE WHILE KEEPING THE CAMERA / ESPECIALLY THE LENS DRY. AND THEN PUTTING EVERYTHING AWAY ; PUTTING ON WET GLOVES. IT HAS TO BE A GREAT SHOT FIRST.

ANYWAY, I MANAGED TO TREAD WATER AS FAR AS FOLLE TODAY, ANOTHER YOUTH HOSTEL FILLED TINY TEUTONS WHOSE HORMONES ARE RUNNING (AMOL?) AMUCK(?)^(sp?). I ONLY HOPE THAT DANISH PARENTS DON'T THINK OF YOUTH HOSTELS AS CHEAP DAY CARE CENTERS ALSO.

(8-20-86)

75Km

NOT QUITE SO MUCH RAIN TODAY. IN FACT IT'S CLEAR NOW ; LOOKS AS THOUGH IT MAY STAY THAT WAY AT LEAST OVERNIGHT.

I WAS A BIT SURPRISED WHEN I PASSED THROUGH HAMELN TODAY. MOST AMERICANS KNOW IT AS HAMELN, OF PIED PIPER FAME, SO NATURALLY THEY'VE BUILT THE LOCAL TOURIST INDUSTRY AROUND THAT THEME. OTHER THAN THAT IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL, BUT IT WAS FUN JUST STUMBLING ACROSS IT.

ONCE AGAIN (FOR THREE DAYS IN A ROW) THE

(26,345)

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HIGH
I HASN'T REACHED OVER 60°F, BUT IT HASN'T BEEN
TOO ^{UNCOMFORTABLE} COMFORTABLE. IN FACT IT'S BEEN FAIRLY NICE,
WITH THE RAIN ; ALL, SINCE PUTTING ON RAIN GEAR
HASN'T CAUSED ME TO OVERHEAT.

IT'S BEEN A LAZY DAY ; I'VE ONLY MADE IT AS
FAR AS THE HOSTEL AT BARSINGHAUSEN, WHICH SO
FAR SEEMS PRETTY NICE. THERE ARE NO SCREAMINH
LITTLE MONSTERS DASHING ABOUT ; SOMEHOW I'VE
GOT A PRIVATE ROOM - ONLY ONE BED!

(8-21-86)

(120km)

I TRIED TO PUTTER ALONG ; SEE SOME SIGHTS
TODAY, BUT DIDN'T HAVE MUCH LUCK. A FEW
MILES OUT OF BARSINGHAUSEN EVERYTHING FLATTENED
OUT ; IT WAS NOTHING BUT TINY FARMING VILLAGES.
THERE WERE SOME INTERESTING FARMS, BUT THE
BUILDINGS WERE SO LARGE ; DISJOINTED IT WAS
IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A DECENT PICTURE.

THERE WAS A THREAT OF RAIN ALL DAY BUT FOR
THE MOST PART I AVOIDED IT. THE WEST WIND
THAT CAME WITH IT WAS MOSTLY HELPFUL AS I
WAS HEADING N ; NE MOST OF THE DAY.

I'M AT THE HOSTEL IN BISPINGEN TONIGHT.

(26,460)

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THE WARDEN'S PRETTY SURLY TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T
SPEAK ENGLISH, WHICH IS UNUSUAL. NO TELLING WHAT'S
CRAWLED UP HIS ASS.

I GUESS THIS IS HEATHER COUNTRY. I'VE SEEN
MANY SMALL PATCHES OF IT HERE ; THERE, BUT I'D
LIKE TO FIND ONE ^{OF} THE HUGE FIELDS OF IT
THAT I KEEP SEEING PICTURES OF. I'VE GOT A
FEELIN TOMORROW MORNING MAY BE MY LAST
CHANCE, AT LEAST IN GERMANY.

(8-22-86)

(115km)

I DIDN'T FIND ANY HEATHER TODAY, MAINLY BECAUSE
IT WAS RAINING SO I DIDN'T BOTHER LOOKIN FOR IT
THIS MORNING. BUT THERE WERE A FEW THINGS OF
INTEREST ALONG THE WAY.

I SAW A WINDMILL NEAR SALZHUSAUSEN THAT
SEEMED TO HAVE BLADES WITH LOUVERED SLATS,
THAT COULD BE OPENED OR CLOSED, THAT WERE
USED IN PLACE OF TRADITIONAL SAILCLOTHS.

THE "SCHIFFSHEBEWERK" NEAR SCHARNEBECK ON
THE ELBE-SEITEN KANAL WAS INTERESTING. IT'S A
MASSIVE LIFT LOCK, THOUGH IT ISN'T HYDRAULIC.
APPARENTLY THERE IS A HUGE ENGINE IN THE 'TUB'

(26,530)

A58

TO GET IT TO THE UPPER LEVEL? IT SEEMS TO
COME DOWN BY GRAVITY.

ONCE AGAIN THERE WERE A LOT OF INTER-
ESTING FARMS, BUT THE PRETTY DAY MADE
GETTING PICTURES DIFFICULT, SO I JUST LOOKED.

I'M AT THE HOSTEL IN RATZEBURG NOW. THE
TOWN, ACCORDING TO ONE OF MY MAPS, IS SUPPOSED
TO HAVE "A PICTURESQUE TOWNSCAPE", BUT IT
DOESN'T. IN MY MIND THIS PLACE SCORES A BIG ZERO.
SAME WITH THE HOSTEL, WHICH CAN BE SAID OF AT
LEAST HALF THE HOSTELS IN GERMANY. THEY'RE CLEAN
& EFFICIENT, BUT TOTALLY LACK CHARACTER. IT'LL BE
NICE TO BE IN DENMARK IN A FEW DAYS IN HOPES OF
A CHANGE.

8-23-86

70km

I'M ON ANOTHER THREE HOUR FERRY RIDE, BUT I'M
FINALLY LEAVING WEST GERMANY. I DOUBT IF THE
SCENERY WILL CHANGE MUCH, BUT I COULD USE A
CHANGE OF PEOPLE. I'VE BEEN PRETTY MUCH AVOIDING
PEOPLE LATELY, BUT THE FEW THAT I'VE TALKED
SEEMED TO BE A BIT SHITTY ABOUT MY NOT SPEAKING
GERMAN. PERHAPS IT'S THE ACCUMULATED AFFECT OF

(26,630) A59

A SUMMER OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING TOURISTS WHO
COULDN'T SPEAK GERMAN. IT'S PRETTY ABSURD ANY
WAY. ONCE THEY START SPEAKING ENGLISH TO ME
MOST OF WHAT THEY SAY IS UNNECESSARY. ~~DUCKY~~.

AT ANY RATE I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO BLOWING
A FEW KRONERS IN COPENHAGEN ON MONDAY / TUESDAY.
I NEED TO VENT THE PENT-UP CONSUMERISM I FEEL
AFTER WATCHING THE PENNIGS / GRÖSCHEN FOR SO LONG.

I MADE IT AS FAR NYKØBING LAST NIGHT. THE
YOUTH HOSTEL HERE CONSISTS OF A CAMPGROUND / A
BUNCH OF SMALL HUTS. THE HUTS WERE FULL, SO I
HAD TO CAMP OUT. MY TENT, SLEEPING BAG WERE
PRETTY WET FROM ALL THE RAIN LATELY, SO I SLEPT
IN A SOGGY SLEEPING BAG.

ANOTHER AMERICAN CYCLIST IS STAYING HERE, SAM,
& WE STARTED TALKING AROUND 7:30 / DIDN'T CALL
IT QUITS 'TIL ABOUT MIDNIGHT. OF COURSE HE'S
HEADED SOUTH, BUT THAT'S NOTHING NEW.

(8-24-86)

100km

I ONLY PAID 22 Kr FOR CAMPING LAST NIGHT OR ABOUT
P3. ONE KRONER EQUALS ABOUT 15 CENTS  ; IS

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MADE UP OR TOO SURE.

THE SCENERY HAS BEEN LACKLUSTER MOST OF THE DAY. THE WEATHER HAS BEEN UNSETLED, WITH SHORT SHOWERS OFF & ON ALL DAY.

IM STAYING AT THE HOSTEL IN KØGE TONIGHT FOR 62 KR. 42 KR IS FOR THE ROOM (\$6.7), 20 KR IS FOR BREAKFAST, SO ALTOGETHER ABOUT \$9 WHICH IS A BIT STEEP, BUT I GUESS SWEDEN IS WORSE & IT BEATS CAMPING OUT.

8-25-86

40km

THE WEATHER'S FINALLY CLEARED UP. IT'S BEEN A GREAT DAY. I ARRIVED IN COPENHAGEN AT 10:30 & CHANGED MONEY & BOUGHT STAMPS.

WHEN I ARRIVED AT THE HOSTEL I MET ALEX, A GUY FROM CHICAGO, & WE WENT IN TO TOWN TOGETHER. UNFORTUNATELY MOST THINGS ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY BUT WE MANAGED TO KILL TIME 'TIL TIVOLI ~~WORLD~~ WAS LT UP & WENT THERE FOR THE EVENING.

TIVOLI IS BASICALLY JUST AN AMUSEMENT PARK WITH RIDES, RESTAURANTS & ENTERTAINMENT, BUT IT'S REALLY BEAUTIFUL TOO, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT

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WITH ALL THE BUILDINGS OUTLINED WITH LIGHTS & ELECTRIC DRAGONFLIES LT UP IN THE POND & LIGHTS HANGING LIKE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS IN THE TREES.

MY HIP WAS REALLY KILLIN ME AFTER WALKING AROUND ALL DAY. WHEN I SAW THE DOG IN BEDFORD HE SAID HE WAS A BIT CONCERNED BY UNUSUAL WEAR IN MY RIGHT HIP SOCKET, SO IT'S PROBABLY A GOOD THING IM HEADING HOME RATHER THAN CONTINUING ON.

8-26-86

No Km

SIGHTSEEING IS TOUGH WORK: WALK, WALK, WALK ALL DAY LONG. AND ON A SORE HIP ALSO. BUT TODAY HAD IT'S REWARDS. ALEX & I STARTED THE DAY VISITING THE TUBORG BREWERY & AFTER A FEW BEERS, SOME JOKES & A LOTTA LAUGHS DECIDED TO VISIT CARLSBERG BREWERY ALSO. IT WAS A BIT ANTI CLIMACTIC BECAUSE THE TOUR WAS PRETTY DISORGANIZED & THEY WERE PRETTY STINKY WITH THE BREWSKIES, BUT IT WAS PROBABLY STILL MORE FUN THAN LOOKING AT PALACES OR MUSEUMS.

(26,705)

A62

WE WENT + SAW "THE KARATE KID: PT II"
THIS EVENING. I HAD A HARD TIME FOLLOWING IT
AT FIRST BECAUSE THE DANISH SUB-TITLES
DISTRACTED ME. IT WAS A GOOD THING WE
DID THAT RATHER THAN Roaming AROUND LOOKING
FOR A BAR 'CAUSE my HIPS FEELIN BETTER +
I'D BEEN A CRIPPLE IF WE HADN'T.

(8-27-86)

35km

IM TAKIN THE FERRY TO MALMÖ NOW. USUALLY
IT'S 42 DKK, BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE A PRICE WAR
WITH THE HYDROFOIL FERRY + SO IT'S ONLY 20KR.
I ONLY HAD 1,30 DKK + A BUNCH OF 100KR NOTES
+ THE CASHIER DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE CHANGE SO
I GOT TO GO FOR 1,30 DKK. THAT'S 17¢ FOR A
1½ HOUR FERRY RIDE.

I ALMOST SCREWED UP + MISSED THE FERRY
AS WELL. THE TIMETABLE AT THE TOURIST OFFICE
SAID IT LEFT AT 11:30AM, BUT IT PULLED OUT AT
10:32 + I GOT ON AT 10:31, SO IT WAS GOOD
THAT I WAS EARLY.

IM AT THE HOSTEL IN MALMÖ FOR THE NIGHT.

(26,705)

A62

AFTER GETTING OFF THE FERRY + LOOKIN AROUND
TOWN I HEADED FOR YSTAD, BUT ONLY GOT AS FAR
AS BARA WHEN MY FRONT TIRE BLEW OUT. THE
TUBE ENDED UP WITH A RATHER LARGE STAR BURST
ON IT THAT MORE THAN LIKELY WOULDN'T TAKE
A PATCH, SO I PUT ON MY SPARE TUBE. FIRST
I HAD TO WHACK A PIECE OFF THE OLD TUBE
TO STOP UP A GAPPIN HOLE IN THE TIRE SO THAT
I COULD LIMP TO A BIKE SHOP.

BARA DIDN'T HAVE A BIKE SHOP BUT THE SUPER-
MARKET SOLD 27x1½" TIRES THAT I COULDN'T
SQUEEZE ONTO THE RIM. I TRIED 28x1½" ALSO,
BUT THEY WOULDN'T STAY ON. SO I HAD TO
HOBBLE ALONG FOR 13 KM BACK TO MALMÖ WHERE
I GOT A REPAIR + DIRECTIONS TO THE HOSTEL
FOR 42 SWK (\$6.00) - THE DIRECTIONS WERE FREE.

I RAN INTO A LOT OF FRIENDLY SWEDES
WHILE LOOKIN FOR HELP TODAY, WHICH REALLY
MADE ME FEEL GOOD. HERE, ELSEWHERE THE
PEOPLES IN THE TOURIST PLACES + HOSTELS SEEM
TO BE pretty BURNED OUT ABOUT SPEAKING
ENGLISH OR BEING FRIENDLY, WHICH IS A SHAME

26,775

A63

BECAUSE I'VE BECOME SO SELF SUFFICIENT THAT THOSE ARE ABOUT THE ONLY PEOPLE I MEET ? I FORM MY OPINIONS BASED ON THEIR BEHAVIOUR.

I DEFINITELY NEED TO OPEN UP A BIT MORE. THOUGH IT'S TOUGH WITH THE WEATHER NOT BEING TOO GREAT (IT'S BEEN UNSETTLED TODAY - MOST CLOUDY & OCCASIONAL SHOWERS. PLENTY OF WIND).

(8-28-86)

70km

THINGS WERE JUST THE SAME TRYING TO GET OUT OF MALMÖ TODAY AS THEY WERE YESTERDAY: A GIANT PAIN IN THE ASS. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE SIGNS FOR THEIR BIKE PATHS & MY MAP ARE TALKING TWO DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. THE PATHS ALL POINT TO TINY TOWNS NOT SHOWN ON MY MAP, SO I GOT LOST QUITE A FEW TIMES TODAY, MAINLY AROUND MALMÖ & LANDSKRONA.

IT'S BEEN BLOWIN' LIKE HELL TODAY SO I DECIDED TO BLOW WITH THE WIND & GET OUT OF SWEDEN. I DONT WANT TO CHANGE MORE MONEY ANYWAY. INSTEAD I HAD A HARD TIME GETTING RID OF WHAT MONEY I HAD.

I THOUGHT I'D BUY SOME STAMPS WITH IT, BUT ALL THE DEALERS IN TOWN ARE AT AN EXHIBITION

26,865

A64

IN STOCKHOLM. THEN I TRIED LOOKING FOR SOUVENIRS, BUT THERE WEREN'T MANY SHOPS TO LOOK THROUGH. NOTHING INTERESTED ME, SO I BOUGHT A BUNCH OF FOOD INSTEAD, THOUGH THAT WASN'T TOO EASY. I RARELY BUY MORE THAN \$3-\$4 WORTH OF FOOD AT A TIME. FINDING FOOD WORTH TWICE THAT AMOUNT WAS A CHALLENGE.

I'M IN HELSINGØR (DENMARK) AT THE HOSTEL AFTER TAKING A 1/2 HOUR FERRY RIDE FROM HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN (26 SKR - \$4). IT'S A NICE PLACE, BUT LOTS OF KIDDIES ABOUT. NOTHIN NEW.

(8-29-86)

90km

THE WIND HAS FINALLY CALMED DOWN, IT AT FIRST APPEARED THAT SOME GOOD WEATHER WOULD BE HERE TO STAY FOR A WHILE, BUT CLOUDS HAVE BEEN MOVIN IN. IT LOOKS AS THOUGH SOME SHOWERS MAY CATCH UP WITH ME BY THIS EVENING.

I'VE HAD GREAT LUCK CATCHING FERRIES TODAY.

THE ONE FROM HUNDESTED I CAUGHT WITH TEN MINUTES TO SPARE. THE ONE TO EBELTOFT LEFT LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES AFTER I BOARDED. THEY'VE SCREWED UP TODAYS FINANCES, COSTING 19 DKR.

73 Dkr RESPECTIVELY.

OH YEAH, ONE OF THE LITTLE KIDDIES AT THE HOSTEL ~~was~~ WAS NICE ENOUGH TO DESTROY THE THERMOMETER I HAD ATTACHED TO MY HANDLEBAR STEM. IT'S NO GREAT EXPENSE, BUT A ROYAL PAIN IN THE ASS. IT'S A GOOD THING I DON'T HAVE A KID OF MY OWN TO TAKE IT OUT ON. (NOT REALLY).

I'M STAYING AT THE HOSTEL IN EBELTOFT TONIGHT / THIS TOWN IS GREAT! INCREDIBLY PICTURESQUE STREETS ; A GREAT SUNSET OVER THE BAY --wow! PLUS, DOWN BY THE FERRY TERMINAL THERE ARE AT LEAST 17 ELECTRICITY GENERATING WINDMILLS ALL CLUSTERED TOGETHER. I'VE SEEN A LOT OF SMALL SCALE APPLICATIONS OF WINDPOWER HERE IN DENMARK, BUT THIS IS THE BIG DADDY OF 'EM ALL.

THIS HOSTEL IS KINDA NEAT. IN FACT ALL DANISH HOSTELS SEEM TO HAVE A LOT MORE PERSONALITY THAN THE GERMAN~~s~~ HOSTELS DO ; AND THEY'RE CLEANER THAN MOST ANYWHERE ELSE I'VE BEEN. OH YEAH, THE BIKE ROOM HERE IS AN OLD CYLINDRICAL BOMB SHELTER BURIED IN THE BACK YARD.

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MY BUNKIE TONIGHT IS FROM HADERSLEV, DK. I CONSULTED HIM ABOUT MY PROPOSED ROUTE ; HE THINKS I'M HEADED FOR SOME OF THE BEST SCENERY IN DENMARK. NOW I'LL JUST HAVE TO PRAY THAT THE WEATHER HOLDS.

ANOTHER THING THAT HAS PUT ME IN GOOD HUMOR TODAY IS THAT I FIGURED OUT THAT MY SORE HIP IN COPENHAGEN WAS DUE TO MY BACK STARTING TO GET PULLED OUT OF LINE. THE GOOD THING ABOUT THAT IS THAT EVEN A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF CORRECTIVE EXERCISE SEEKS TO RELIEVE THE PROBLEM. NEEDLESS TO SAY, I'M TRYING TO ^{DO} MY EXERCISES REGULARLY ONCE AGAIN. ALL THIS FLAT LAND ; WIND ADD UP TO BIG TROUBLE IF I DON'T.

8-30-86

(100km)

IT HASN'T BEEN A TERRIBLY EXCITING OR SCENIC DAY - THE HIGHLIGHT SEEKS TO HAVE BEEN THAT A BUG GOT INTO MY HAIR AS I WAS RIDING THROUGH FARMLAND ; WHEN I TRIED TO SLAP HIM, I KNOCKED MY SUNGLASSES OFF ; INTO A PILE OF COWSHIT. LIFE IN THE FAST LANE. I'M AT THE HOSTEL IN VIBORG TONIGHT. THE

27,055

Alt

PLACE IS GREAT - REALLY SPACIOUS ROOMS ;
THE LITTLE READING LIGHTS ABOVE EACH BUNK
THAT ALMOST ALL DANISH HOSTELS HAVE, BUT
THEY AREN'T SERVING BREAKFAST TOMORROW
WHICH IS A DOWNRIGHT SHAME. BREAKFASTS USUALLY
CONSIST OF A BUFFET OF 4 OR FIVE DIFFERENT
BREADS OR ROLLS, YOGURT, CHEESE, SALAMI, BUTTER,
1 OR 2 JAMS, CORNFLAKES, BRAN, COLD OATS, MILK,
TEA, OR COFFEE - AS MUCH AS YOU CAN HANDLE
OF ANYTHING YOU LIKE (OR EVERYTHING YOU LIKE).

(8-31-06)

90km

NOTHING NEW TODAY - JUST LOW HILLS ; FJORDS ; A
LOT OF WHEAT FIELDS. AMAZING! THE WEATHER'S STILL
GOOD. IT KEEPS LOOKING AS THOUGH IT MAY TURN BAD
BUT SO FAR SO GOOD. HOPEFULLY IT'LL STAY NICE FOR
A FEW DAYS, AS I TURN SOUTH ; HEAD ALONG THE
COAST TOMORROW. IF IT DOES, THAT'LL MEAN A TAIL
WIND ALL THE WAY OUT OF DENMARK.

I'M AT THE HOSTEL IN THYSTED (ACTUALLY SKINNEURUP)
TONIGHT. THERE ARE THREE GUYS TOURING ON
MOUNTAIN BIKES ; IT LOOKS AS THOUGH SOMEONE IS
TOURING ON AN OLD (PROBABLY DANISH) MAILMAN'S

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BIKE (WITH MOSTLY HOMEMADE GEAR). I HOPE IF
I MEET ANY OF THEM THAT THEY DON'T GO THROUGH
A LOT OF BRAVING & CHEST THUMPING ABOUT HOW
GREAT THEY ARE ; WHY THE WAY THEY CHOOSE TO
TRAVEL IS BETTER THAN ANY OTHER WAY. I'M GETTING
WORN A BIT THIN BY THE ONE-UPMANSHIP THAT I
FEEL IN A LOT OF CONVERSATIONS I'VE HAD. PERHAPS
IT'S DUE TO THE FACT THAT I^{VE} TRAVELED SO FAR ; HAVE
SO MANY ANECDOTAL STORIES TO TELL THAT I
CAUSE SOME OF IT, BUT LATELY I'VE KEPT QUIET
ABOUT MY TRAVELS ; IT STILL HAPPENS. PERHAPS I'VE
BECOME HARD TO IMPRESS ; TRY TO MAKE FOLKS
TRY HARDER TO IMPRESS ME. STILL, IT POINTS OUT
WHAT A VAIN BUSINESS BICYCLE TRAVEL (OR TRAVEL IN
GENERAL) IS. EVERYBODY TRYING TO TRAVEL FARTHER,
LONGER, BETTER, CHEAPER, OR WHATEVER - AND YET
THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE WHO DID ~~more~~ OR
ENDURED GREATER HARSHIPS, OR THAT DIDN'T HAVE
THE BENEFIT OF ADVICE (PASSED ON IN THE FORM OF
BOOKS, TOURIST INFO, ETC...) FROM PEOPLE WHO CAME
BEFORE HIM. SO WHY TRAVEL IF THAT'S ALL YOUR
TRYING TO PROVE? WHY NOT STAY HOME ? TRY TO

27,055

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GET A BETTER TAN OR A BETTER JOB OR A NICER HOUSE OR A CUTER GIRLFRIEND? IT'S LIKE RUNNING ALL OVER THE WORLD TELLIN EVERYONE HOW GREAT YOU ARE INSTEAD OF TRYIN TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE.

WHILE I'M SPILLIN MY GUTS, NATIONALISM IS ANOTHER BOthersome TOPIC. I THINK I'VE MENTIONED BEFORE THAT IN MY MIND WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT AMERICA THAT REALLY MEANS THE U.S. & CANADA. EUROPE IS EUROPE - ALL THE NATIONALISM DUE TO A COMMON LANGUAGE OR DIALECT IS BULLSHIT. PEOPLE AREN'T DANISH OR GERMAN OR ITALIAN - THEY'RE EUROPEANS. THE REASON THIS SENDS A WILD HAIR UP MY ASS IS THAT THE FOCUS IS ON AMERICA. "AMERICA THIS, AMERICA THAT...", GOOD, BAD, WHATEVER. EVEN IF TEXAS IS THE ONLY STATE TO DO SOMETHING BAD, AMERICA GETS THE BLAME, BUT IF ITALY SCREWS UP, THE REST OF EUROPE IS KEPT "CLEAN" BECAUSE THEY AREN'T ITALIANS. AND YET A DANE HAS AS MUCH CONTROL OVER WHAT AN ITALIAN DOES AS SOMEONE FROM WASHINGTON HAS OVER WHAT A TEXAN DOES.

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THAT'S THE END OF MY LECTURE TODAY. I'D GO ON, BUT I'M TRYING TO MAKE THE PAGES LAST 'TIL I GO HOME.

9-1-86

16km

I GOT OUT OF THISTED ~~THIS~~ ^{THIS MORNING} WITHOUT ANY NASTY DISCUSSIONS, BUT I DID GET A LOOK FROM ONE OF THE THREE GERMAN GUYS AFTER WE SWAPPED STORIES THAT SAID: "OH. ANOTHER AMERICAN THAT DIDN'T REALLY SEE EUROPE." I'D LIKE TO STUFF THAT LOOK UP HIS ASS, BUT WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO?

THE WEATHER WAS SO-SO TODAY. THE WIND WAS GENERALLY WESTERLY. I WAS GOIN SOUTH SO IT WASN'T A REAL PROBLEM.

I STOPPED AT NORRE VORUPØR, WHERE THEY HOIST THEIR FISHING BOATS UP ON THE SANDY BEACH, THIS A.M. IT WAS INTERESTING BUT IMPENDING RAIN CUT THINGS SHORT. I ALSO SAW A LOT OF HEATHER COVERED DUNES AS WELL.

I HAD PLANNED TO STAY AT SIRNER HOSTEL TODAY, BUT THEY WERE COMPLETELY BOOKED, SO I HAD TO GO ANOTHER 16km TO HØJSTEBRO

INSTEAD. THERE ARE ONLY FOUR OF US HERE
WE ALL TRIED STRNER FIRST.

OH YEAH. I MET A DUTCH GUY NAMED WENSE
(PRONOUNCED LIKE TONA WITH A 'C') HERE. WENT
TO TOWN FOR CHINESE FOOD. I HAD PORK
WITH CURRY SAUCE. THAT SOUNDS INDIAN TO
ME BUT PERHAPS TO DANES IT'S THE SAME AS
CHINESE. IT WAS GOOD THOUGH.

(9.2.86)

60km

IT'S BEEN A WINDY, SHOWERY DAY BUT I'VE MADE
IT TO HVIDESANDE O.K. I'M HERE AT THE YOUTH HOSTEL
WAITING TO CHECK IN. THERE'S A WEIRD OLD MAN
POTTERING AROUND IN A GRUMPY MOOD (PERHAPS IT'S
NOT REALLY WEIRD FOR AN OLD MAN TO POTTER AROUND
BE GRUMPY?). ANYWAY I'VE GOT A FEELING WE'RE
GONNA BE BUNKIES. OH, BOY! EVEN IF HE DOESN'T
SNORE I'M SURE HIS LOUD BREATHING COULD KEEP
ME AWAKE.

THIS GUY MUST HAVE A HOT DATE. IT'S FOUR
AFTER FOUR & THE RECEPTION IS SUPPOSED TO OPEN
AT FOUR & THIS GUY'S PACING AROUND IN CIRCLES
& STOPPING ONCE IN A WHILE TO BREATH HEAVY

27.2.85

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ON THE RECEPTION WINDOW.

I LUCKED OUT. NO OLD MAN IN THE ROOM, IN
FACT I'M ALONE. THE OLD MAN WASN'T SO GRUMPY
AFTER HE HAD HIS DINNER, BUT I'D STILL BET THAT
HE SNORES TOO LOUD.

(9.3.86)

105km

ANOTHER DAMP, DREARY DAY. AND A DREARY
HOSTEL AS WELL. ACTUALLY THE HOSTEL'S PRETTY
CHEERFUL (LIKE MOST IN DENMARK), IT'S THE WARREN
WHO'S DREARY: DO THIS, DO THAT, MOVE YOUR BIKE. I
GUESS THIS IS MEANT TO PREPARE ME FOR MY RE-
TURN TO GERMAN HOSTELS TOMORROW.

NOT MUCH HAPPENED TODAY. I WENT SHOPPING
FOR STAMPS IN FÆRBERG & PICKED UP ~~RE~~ ^{\$1.00} WORTH FOR
\$50. ~~WISH~~ I FELT I COULD SPEND MORE.

I SNAPPED A REAR DERAILLEUR CABLE TODAY, BUT
I'VE KNOWN THAT WAS COMING FOR ABOUT A MONTH
NOW. I HAD A SPARE SO REPLACING IT TOOK 15 MIN.
I'M IN RIBE TONIGHT, AT THE HOSTEL AS I SAID.
THE OLD MAN FROM LAST NIGHT IS HERE & once
AGAIN IN GOOD SPIRITS AS HE'D JUST FINISHED HIS

DINNER.

(27,410)

460

GUESS WHO MY 'BUNKY' IS TONIGHT? YEP. LOOKS LIKE IT WAS PREPARED. I JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T SNORE TOO ~~LOUD~~ BECAUSE THERE'S NO CHANCE OF BEATING HIM TO BED AS HE'S ALREADY TURNED IN.

(9-4-86)

(80km)

THE OLD GUY DOESN'T SNORE.

I HAD AN EASY DAY TODAY DUE TO A GREAT TAILWIND. I PROBABLY SHOULD'VE KEPT GOING, BUT DECIDED TO STOP AT FLENSBURG EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON. RIGHT NOW I'M CHECKED IN AT THE HOSTEL.

I WAS THINKING ABOUT PISSED AROUND NORTHERN GERMANY; DOING SOME SIGHTSEEING, BUT NO SOONER HAD I CROSSED THE BORDER THAN I WAS OVERWHELMED WITH A SENSE OF HAVING SEEN TOO MUCH HERE ALREADY, SO I'M THINKING OF ALTERING MY PLANS ONCE AGAIN. I MAY GO TO HELGOLAND AS I HAD CONSIDERED EARLIER OR MAY CUT STRAIGHT ACROSS TO HOLLAND.

I ACTUALLY GOT STOPPED CROSSING THE BORDER THIS AFTERNOON. THE GUARD MADE A PHONE CALL, SUPPOSEDLY TO CHECK OUT MY PASSPORT, BUT IT

ONLY TOOK ABOUT ONE MINUTE, SO IT WAS PROBABLY JUST A RUSE TO SEE IF I'D START ACTING GUILTY OR SOMETHING. HE EVEN STAMPED IT AFTER I'D BEEN 'CLEARED'. THAT'S THE FIRST TIME FOR THIS PASSPORT.

(9-5-86)

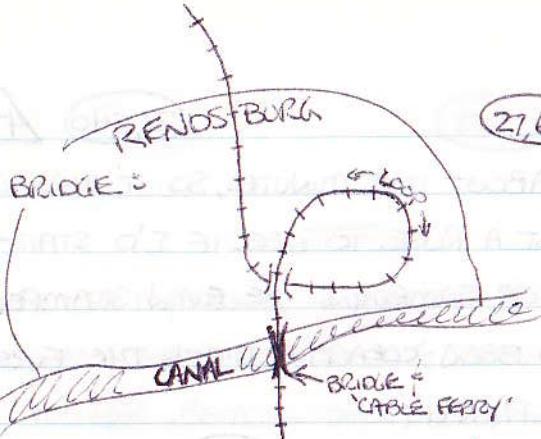
(130km)

NOT MUCH TO SEE TODAY AS I SPENT MOST OF THE DAY ON BIKE PATHS; THE GERMANS SEEM TO LIKE TO PUT THEIR PATHS OUT OF SIGHT OF CIVILISATION.

ONE INTERESTING THING I DID SEE WAS A SORT OF 'CABLE FERRY' SUSPENDED BENEATH A RAILWAY BRIDGE. IT'S JUST LIKE ONE I WANTED TO SEE IN ENGLAND:



IT WAS IN RENDSBURG, CROSSING ON IT WAS FREE. THE RAILROAD ITSELF WAS INTERESTING AS IT MADE AN INCLINED LOOP INSIDE THE CITY IN ORDER TO GAIN ENOUGH ELEVATION TO CROSS



THE BRIDGE:

(27,610)

471

I CHANGED SOME MONEY TODAY / ONLY GOT 1.99 DM TO THE BUCK. THAT MEANS THE DOLLAR'S LOST ABOUT 14% IN FIVE MONTHS OR FOR EVERY % I SPEND TODAY I WOULD HAVE SPENT \$140 LESS IN APRIL.

IM AT THE HOSTEL IN ITZEHOE TONIGHT / I THINK IM THE ONLY GUEST. THAT'S GREAT! A GERMAN HOSTEL WITHOUT Hordes OF NOISY LITTLE BRATS. THIS HAS GOT TO BE A DREAM.

(9-6-86)

(70km)

A BIT TOO MUCH WIND (FROM THE WRONG DIRECTION), BUT NOT A BAD DAY. AT LEAST IM ORGANIZED AFTER BUYING MAPS OF HOLLAND / EAST FRIESLAND / IVE GOT SOME NEW READING MATERIAL, "BRAVE NEW WORLD".

IT TURNED OUT THERE WERE QUITE A FEW FOLKS AT THE HOSTEL YESTERDAY, BUT MOSTLY A FAIRLY

QUIET GIRLS SOCCER TEAM. I ENDED UP WITH SOME FRIENDLY BUNKIES: TWO AUSTRIANS + A GERMAN.

IM NOT SO LUCKY TONIGHT AT BEOERKESA:

A BUNCH OF SNOTTY LITTLE TURDS WITH RAMPANT HORMONES HAS LAID SIEGE HERE; THE DECIBEL LEVEL IS ROUGHLY THAT OF TWELVE BOEING 747S WITH MUFFLER PROBLEMS. PERHAPS THE BUILDING WILL HOLD TOGETHER IF NO SYMPATHETIC VIBRATIONS BEGIN. IT'S TOO BAD I DON'T WEAR A HELMET. IT MAY BE WISE TO WEAR ONE TO BED TONIGHT.

(9-7-86)

(55km)

IT'S BEEN A NASTY DAY SO FAR: COLD, SHOWERY, + STIFF SW HEADWIND. IM AT ECKWARDHÖRNE HOPING TO CATCH THE FERRY TO WILHELMSHAVEN, BUT IM NOT SURE IF ILL BE ABLE TO. THERE ARE ~~TWO~~ TWO FRIENDLY GUYS IN THE INFORMATION TRAILER WHO SEEM TO BE KEEPING WARM BY DRINKING SCHNAPS WHO THOUGHT IT WAS ON ITS WAY AN HOUR AGO, BUT NOW THEY AREN'T SO SURE. THEY THINK POSSIBLY THERE'LL BE A FERRY AT 7:15PM, BUT THEN AGAIN MAYBE NOT; THE FERRY ONLY RUNS ON WEEKENDS SO IF IT DOESN'T COME TODAY ILL HAVE TO DOUBLE BACK.

27,750

473

" MAKE A 40 mi DEOUR TOMORROW. AT LEAST THERE'S A HOSTEL A FEW KM AWAY IN THE DIRECTION THAT THE WIND IS BLOWING.

I DECIDED TO GIVE UP ON THE FERRY ; HEAD FOR THE HOSTEL. I CAN Always CYCLE AROUND THE BAY TOMORROW. IT WAS RATHER DOUBTFUL THAT THE FERRY WOULD SHOW UP ; I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO STAY IN WILHELMSHAVEN TONIGHT ANYWAY.

I ALSO THINK I'LL CHANGE my PLANS ; TAKE A MORE DIRECT ROUTE TO AMSTERDAM ; JUST CUT my MILEAGE IF THE WIND KEEPS UP.

9-8-86

85km

SAME AGAIN: COLD, SHOWERY, WINDY, FLAT ; BORING. I WENT TO OLDENSBURG IN SEARCH OF SIGHTS TO SEE BUT IT WAS A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT. I COMPENSATED BY GOING STAMP SHOPPING, & FOUND A PLACE WITH TERRIBLE PRICES BUT THEY HAD A CATALOG OF BICYCLE STAMPS. THE CATALOG LEAVES SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED AS THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES IT DOESN'T HAVE & IT ONLY GOES TO 1978, BUT IT'S GREAT BECAUSE IT LISTS SEPARATELY BY YEAR & COUNTRY.

27,820

474

I'M AT THE HOSTEL IN BAO ZWISCHENAHN (IT'S PACKED WITH KIDS, OF COURSE) ; I'VE RUN INTO 'B' (BAY) THE DUTCH GENTLEMAN I MET AT VIBORG, DENMARK. I TOLD HIM WE MIGHT CROSS PATHS AGAIN ; HE SCOFFED ALMOST TO THE POINT OF BEING RUDE & HERE WE ARE. IT TURNS OUT HE'S A FRIEND OF THE WARDENS & SO WE GOT FREE COFFEE & CAKE THIS AFTERNOON.

THERE'S ALSO AN AMERICAN CYCLIST, ALAN (FROM D.C.) HERE WHO I HADN'T MET EARLIER BUT I REMEMBER SEEING HIM ON THE ROAD AS I WAS HEADING NORTH. IT HAD TO BE HIM - HE'S GOT PURPLE PANNIERS. AS FAR AS I CAN GUESS I MUST HAVE SEEN HIM ABOUT 2-3 WEEKS AGO, BUT I CAN'T PIN IT DOWN. WHEN HE GETS BACK FROM TOWN WE'LL TRY TO FIGURE IT OUT.

9-9-86

70km

A WHOLE DAY OF CYCLING WITH COMPANY (ALAN FROM D.C.) ; AS A CONSEQUENCE MY PANTS A BIT SORE NOW. IT TURNS OUT THAT HE USED TO WEIGH 335lbs & HE SLIMMED DOWN ; NOW HE'S THINKING OF CYCLING AROUND THE WORLD.

27,910

475.

HE'S ALSO FOUND HIMSELF A SPONSOR, LIFECYCLE, TO PAY HIM \$75 FOR EACH NEWSPAPER ARTICLE HE'S HAS DONE ABOUT HIS TRIP THAT MENTIONS THEIR PRODUCT. I GUESS HE'S HAD ALMOST A DOZEN INTERVIEWS IN TWO MONTHS.

WERE AT THE HOSTEL IN WEEFER, SEEM TO BE THE ONLY GUESTS, THOUGH OUR ROOM HAS A RESIDENT LITTLE GREY MOUSE. BUT HE'S QUIET, WELL BEHAVED, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP OUR FOOD OUT OF REACH EASILY ENOUGH. ONE FOUR LEGGED RODENT BEATS HELL OUT OF DOZENS OF SCREAMING TWO-LEGGED RODENTS THAT INFEST MOST HOSTELS.

9-10-86

90km

A SOMEWHAT DREARY DAY - RAIN OFF & ON ALL DAY & PRETTY COLD; A FEW TOO MANY BUMPY ROADS. ALAN & I PARTED COMPANY AROUND 3:00 PM TODAY & IT'S JUST AS WELL. HE POKED AROUND A LOT & WORRIED A BIT TOO MUCH ABOUT WHETHER WE WERE GOING THE RIGHT WAY & IT WAS WEARING ON ME A LITTLE.

SO I'M AT RODERESCH, HOLLAND AT THE HOSTEL. APPARENTLY A HUGE GROUP HAS RENTED THE PLACE FOR A WHILE & THERE'S ONE ROOM (CO-ED) FOR ANYONE ELSE

28,055

476.

THAT HAPPENS BY. THERE'S ALSO NO BREAKFAST SO THE PRICE IS 10 GULDERS INSTEAD OF 16.75.

I BOUGHT GULDERS TODAY AT 2.27 PER DOLLAR OR 44¢ EACH, A BIT STEEP, BUT THINGS ARE PROBABLY NO WORSE THAN IN GERMANY OR AT LEAST I HOPE SO.

9-11-86

145km

NOT A GREAT DAY, THOUGH THE WEATHER WAS FANTASTIC. I'M WRITING THIS ON THE 12TH 'CAUSE THE 11TH WAS A LONG DAY.

LIKE I SAID, NOT A GREAT DAY. I PASSED A LOT OF RUDE LITTLE KIDS EXPOSING THEIR MIDDLE FINGERS TO THE CHILLY MORNING AIR. AND PLENTY OF OLDER FOLKS UNWILLING TO EXCHANGE SMILES, AS IF SOMEHOW THEIR'S WAS MORE VALUABLE THAN MINE. NOT MUCH SCENERY & TOO MANY ROUGH BRICK CYCLE PATHS.

I GUESS ALL THAT PREDISPOSED THE EVENING TO BE BAD, BUT I'M NOT TOO SURE. I STOPPED AT THE HOSTEL IN OLDEBROEK TO FIND A ROOM, CAUGHT SOMEONE'S ATTENTION (VISUALLY) & WAITED TO BE HELPED. I WAIT A BIT LONGER. AND LONGER STILL. SHE WAS PLAYING THE STANDARD EUROPEAN GAME: IF YOU WANT HELP YOU HAVE TO ASK: IF YOU ASK IN ENGLISH THEN

(28,115)

477

RUDENESS IS OBLIGATORY SINCE IF THEY GO TO AMERICA NO ONE WILL SPEAK DUTCH (OR GERMAN, FRENCH, ETC...). NO BODY EVER REALIZES THAT WHEN THEY GO TO NORTH AMERICA (A CONTINENT) THAT 90% OF THE PEOPLE SPEAK ENGLISH FIRST; A FEW SPEAK SPANISH, FRENCH, OR POSSIBLY SOME OTHER LANGUAGE. BUT IN EUROPE (YET ANOTHER, SMALLER, CONTINENT (OR AT LEAST WESTERN EUROPE)) PROBABLY NO MORE THAN 25% OF THE PEOPLE SPEAK ANY PARTICULAR LANGUAGE FIRST; THE MOST COMMON LANGUAGES ARE IN A FIVE WAY TIE: ENGLISH, GERMAN, FRENCH, SPANISH, ITALIAN.

SO, GOING TO N. AMERICA ENGLISH IS SUFFICIENT; HOPEFULLY IN EUROPE 3 OUT OF 5 IS O.K., BUT NO. YA GOTTA PUNCH THE RIGHT BUTTON OR ALL YA GET IS RUDENESS & SNOTTINESS.

ANYWAY, I STOPPED AT PUTTEN FOR THE NIGHT. THE HOSTEL WAS FULL SO I GOT TO SLEEP IN A 'CARAVAN' OUTSIDE.

(9-12-86)

60km

I FROZE MY ASS OFF AGAIN LAST NIGHT; ~~RECOMMENDED~~ WHILE WAITING TO BE SERVED BREAK-

(28,115)

477

FAST I GOT THE FEELIN I WAS GETTING THE COLD SHOULDER & SHOVED OFF WITHOUT IT.

IT TURNED OUT THE WARDEN WAS BUSY GETTING MY BREAKFAST READY; SHE STOPPED ME AS I WAS LEAVING. I WAS TOO PISSED OFF TO STAY, BUT I TRIED TO BE POLITE IN TELLING HER I DIDN'T WANT IT. I DIDN'T WANT TO BANG ELBOWS WITH A BUNCH OF SMART-ASSED BRATS ANYWAY.

I BLASTED INTO AMSTERDAM EARLY. I HOOKED UP WITH FOUR LADY RACERS AT BLARICUM & WE DRAFTED EACH OTHER INTO TOWN.

BEN HAD TO GO TO A WEDDING THIS EVENING SO I JUST GOT CAUGHT UP ON LAUNDRY, ETC... UNTIL HE GOT BACK AT 9:30. THEN WE TOOK A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE VIA A SLIDE SHOW OF HIS '84 CYCLING TRIP. IT WAS A BLAST SEEING PICTURES OF FOLKS I MET TWO YEARS AGO; SHARING REMINISCENCES.

(9-13-86)

No Km

A GREAT DAY. FRIENDS ARE WONDERFUL MEDICINE. THE PANACEA FOR BAD ATTITUDES!

28/115 477
? FEELING DREADY.

BEN & MEL ; I SPENT THE AFTERNOON WATCHING THE AMERSFOORT MARATHON WHICH TWO OF HIS FRIENDS WERE COMPETING IN (I DIDN'T CATCH THEIR NAMES). IT WAS THEIR FIRST MARATHON ; THE LADY (THE OTHER PERSON WAS MALE) GOT A 1ST PLACE TROPHY FOR THE BEST FINISHING TIME FOR SENIOR DIVISION WOMEN ; NEEDLESS TO SAY SHE WAS THRILLED TO DEATH.

LATER BEN ; I WENT OUT TO EAT AT A VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT THAT WAS GREAT. I HAD A QUICHE & MINESTRONE SOUP - FANTASTIC STUFF!

WE^{went} TO AMERICAN AFTERWARDS FOR COFFEE - FANCY PLACE, GREAT INTERIOR - & OUR PLANS FOR CRUISING AROUND THE CITY WERE SCUTTERED BY RAIN, SO WE WENT BACK TO THE APT. FOR ANOTHER SLIDE SHOW, THIS TIME AUSTRALIA. IT GOT ME PSYCHED TO WANT TO SAVE MORE MONEY & PRESS ON AGAIN AFTER A LONG REST IN THE STATES RATHER THAN SETTLING DOWN. TIME WILL TELL WHAT HAPPENS AS I'D DEFINITELY LIKE TO ATTEMPT THE NEXT TRIP WITH A TRAVELING COMPANION.

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AFTERWARDS WE GOT TO TALKING & I MENTIONED MY EAGERNESS TO GET SOME ART TRAINING ; HE BROUGHT OUT HIS SKETCHBOOKS. ALL I CAN SAY IS BEN IS VERY TALENTED & THAT I'VE GOT TO GET SOME TRAINING. IT WAS VERY INSPIRATIONAL & I'M OVERFLOWING WITH IDEAS & ENTHUSIASM AS IT IS. (AS I'M WRITING THIS I CAN'T HELP THINKING I SHOULD MARK THIS PAGE SOMEHOW TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE I FOLLOW THRU ON THIS ONCE I GET BACK TO FLORIDA).

BEN ; I ALSO TALKED QUITE A WHILE ABOUT THE SYSTEM AT THE SCHOOL WHERE HE WORKS. IT IS TOO SAME ! EVERYBODY SHOULD BE TAUGHT THIS WAY, AT LEAST FROM PUBERTY ON. THEY HAVE TWO ACADEMIC SUBJECTS, TWO HOURS EACH, IN THE MORNING. THE CLASSES LAST FOUR WEEKS (60 DAYS/WK). THE SCHEDULE IS VARIABLE IN THE AFTERNOON, BUT CONSISTS OF 2-4 HOURS OF ART, P.E., ETC... ON MON.-THURS. ISN'T THAT GREAT ? LEARN IN THE A.M. WHEN YOU'RE FRESH & PLAY & UNWIND IN THE P.M. BEFORE GOING HOME. ONLY TWO CLASSES TO STUDY FOR, SO LOTS OF TIME FOR HOMEWORK & IT'S MORE LIKELY THEY GET HOMEWORK

28, 115

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SINCE THE TEACHERS AREN'T CONCERNED ABOUT
OVERLOADING 'EM LIKE THEY MIGHT IF THEY'RE
TAKING 5 OR 6 SUBJECTS AT A TIME.

9-14-86

No Km's

BEN & I DROVE UP TO MARKEN THIS A.M. TO TAKE A
LOOK AROUND. WE VISITED THERE THE LAST TIME I
WAS HERE. BUT I DIDN'T GET ALL THE PICTURES I
WANTED SO WE RETURNED; IN FACT SAW MUCH MORE
OF THE TOWN THAN WE THOUGHT WE COULD AS IT'S
LARGER THAN IT SEEMS.

BEN GAVE ME HIS MUSEUM PASS; I SPENT THE
AFTERNOON AT THE VAN GOGH & RIJKSMUSEUMS. THEY
AREN'T THINGS I HAVE MUCH INTEREST IN BUT FOR
FREE THEY WERE GREAT.

AFTER THAT I WALKED AROUND THE CITY LOOKING
AT GRAFFITI - NOW THAT WAS GREAT! I FOUND
ONE PLAYGROUND LOADED WITH STUFF; ALSO FOUND
A FEW MURALS PAINTED ON THE SIDES OF BUILDINGS.

ONCE I GOT BACK BEN COOKED DINNER. THEN
WE WENT TO HAARLEM TO LOOK AT THE DUNES &
VISIT HIS FOLKS. THEY'RE GREAT FOLKS & HIS MOTHER
EVEN GAVE US BOTH A MARS BAR & SOME MENTOS.

28, 115

480

'FOR THE ROAD.'

WE GOT BACK LATE & I WAS DONE IN. I
ONLY SLEPT ABOUT 4 HOURS LAST NIGHT 'CAUSE I
WAS HAPPY & EXCITED & HAD TOO MANY THINGS ON
MY MIND - I'LL SLEEP FOR SURE TONIGHT.

9-16-86

No Km's

I DIDN'T DO MUCH YESTERDAY AS IT STARTED
RAINING NOT LONG AFTER I LEFT THE APARTMENT &
A LOT OF THINGS ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY. I DID
CHECK ON PLANE FLIGHTS; FOUND THAT IT MAY BE
QUITE A BIT CHEAPER TO FLY TO SAY BOSTON & EITHER
TAKE THE TRAIN DOWN OR FIND A DRIVE AWAY CAR
FROM THERE TO TAMPA OR SOMEWHERE NEARBY.

GEORGE BURTON IS ALSO CHECKING ON FLIGHTS FROM
LONDON & WHILE IT'S UNDOUBTEDLY CHEAPER I'LL HAVE
TO WEIGH THE SAVINGS AGAINST THE COST OF GETTING
THERE WHICH INCLUDES A \$30 FERRY RIDE.

I HAVEN'T DONE A LOT TODAY, EITHER, JUST
VISITED THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM & BOUGHT MORE
STAMPS. THAT SHOULD FINISH MY STAMP BUYING FOR
NOW AS I'M LIMITED TO A FIXED AMOUNT OF
MONEY UNTIL I CAN GET ACCESS TO MY BANK ACCT. (I

28,186

482

DON'T HAVE ANY CHECKS + HATE TO BORROW).

ONE PROBLEM I MAY HAVE IN GETTING A DRIVE-AWAY CAR IS THAT I CURRENTLY DON'T HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE SINCE MINE WAS STOLEN THREE MONTHS AGO, BUT IF NOBODY ASKS FOR IT I WON'T LET IT STOP ME. IT'D BE GREAT TO GO THAT WAY AS I COULD LOOK ~~IN~~ ON SOME FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY + DOING THAT BY TRAIN IS PRETTY DIFFICULT. IT MAY EVEN BE CHEAPER AS A UNLIMITED 30-DAY TICKET w/ 5 (I THINK) STOPS ON AMTRAK IS ABOUT \$150. IF GAS IS STILL CHEAP + I TAKE A FAIRLY DIRECT ROUTE IT SHOULD AT LEAST BE AS CHEAP, BUT I CAN ALSO SAVE ON ACCOMODATION BY DROPPIN' IN CN PEOPLE HERE + THERE.

BEN WAS BUSY LAST NIGHT SO I WENT TO SEE 'THE COLOR PURPLE' TO GET OUT OF THE WAY. TONITE WE'LL PROBABLY GO OUT FOR PIZZA DOWN THE STREET.

9-1886

20km

65km

I HAD PLANNED ON GOING TO THE FLOWER AUCTIONS IN AALSMEER ~~YESTERDAY~~, BUT BEN ONLY LEFT ONE OF THE TWO KEYS THAT I NEEDED TO GET AT MY BIKE. SO I CHECKED ON MORE PLANE FARES + VISITED THE

28,186

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MARITIME MUSEUM INSTEAD. I ALSO RAN INTO AN OPEN-AIR STAMP + COIN MARKET (A GENUINE SURPRISE) + BOUGHT A FEW MORE STAMPS.

BEN HAD A DATE SO I WENT TO THE MOVIES + SAW POLTERGEIST II (DUMB). THE DUTCH CINEMAS ARE LIKE THE ONES IN THE STATES WERE 20 YEARS AGO: HUGE ~~RE~~ AUDITORIUMS, INTERMISSIONS + SOMETIMES ASSIGNED SEATS. THEY ALSO HAVE VARIED PRICES RANKING FROM 9,- TO 12,50 GULDERS.

I HAD PLANNED ON ^{SURE} MAKING TO SEE THE FLOWER AUCTIONS TODAY ALSO, BUT WAS JUST A BIT LATE. I DID GET TO SEE THE PLACE, BUT IT WAS ALMOST EMPTY. I WAS LATE DUE TO HAVING TO WAIT 'TIL 9:45 FOR ~~FOR~~ A CHANCE TO PURCHASE MY PLANE TICKET + HAVING A NAIL GO THROUGH MY REAR TIRE ONCE I DID GET GOING.

I'LL FLY HOME ON MARTIN AIR TO N.Y. ON MONDAY AT 12:30PM + ARRIVE AT 14:30PM. THE COST \$444 (\$204) + TAX OF \$27 (\$12.50), THE BIKE WILL COST \$25 (\$1.50) FOR A BOX + MAYBE (\$I HOPE NOT) \$75 (\$3.50) IF THEY DON'T ALLOW IT AS BAGGAGE. IF THEY DO ALLOW IT, IT'S FREE.

(28,180)

A82

From THERE I'LL TAKE AMTRAK TO FLORIDA
(HOPEFULLY TAMPA, POSSIBLY ORLANDO OR MIAMI)
I WILL TRY TO TAKE NIGHT TRAINS TO ALLOW STOPS
IN BALTIMORE & SAVANNAH TO BREAK THE
MONOTONY. IT SHOULD COST \$80 ; I'M HOPEFUL
I CAN SEND MY BIKE AHEAD AS EXCESS BAGGAGE
& JUST CARRY A SMALL KNAPSACK WITH ME.

I HAD HOPED TO GO BY BUS BECAUSE I CAN
GET A FIVE DAY PASS ON TRAILWAYS FOR \$50(!) BUT
MY BIKE IS TOO LARGE TO COMPLY WITH THEIR BAGGAGE
RESTRICTIONS ; I'D BET SHIPPING IT TO TAMPA FROM
NY. WOULD COST MORE THAN \$30.

I'M AT THE HOSTEL AT EGMOND-BINNEN TONIGHT.
I'LL GO TO ALKMAAR TOMORROW TO SEE THE CHEESE
& FISH MARKETS ; THEN BACK TO BEN'S.

I STOPPED AT 'CRUCIUS EXPO' TODAY. IT'S A
MUSEUM HOUSED IN ONE OF THE STEAM POWERED
PUMPING STATIONS USED TO DRAIN THE HAARLEMMER ^(HAARLEM LAKE) IN
THE MID-19TH CENTURY. VERY INTERESTING ; VERY HELPFUL
& COURTEOUS STAFF. I GOT THE IMPRESSION IT WAS
OFF THE MAIN TOURIST ROUTE.

DEPENDING ON HOW YOU FIGURE IT, I MAY OR

(28,280)

A84

MAY NOT HAVE PASSED THE 17,500 MI. MARK
TODAY. $17,500 \times 16.1 = 28,175$ KM, BUT 28,180 X
6.2 = ONLY 17,470 MI. I'D GUESS THAT 28,200
IS ALMOST EXACTLY 17,500 MI ; I'LL DO THOSE
20 KM + ON MY WAY BACK TO AMSTERDAM TO-
MORROW.

9-20-86

(55KM), (45 KM)

MY LUCK WAS A BIT OFF AGAIN. THE LAST CHEESE
MARKET IN ALKMAAR WAS LAST WEEKEND. BUT
IT'S AN INTERESTING TOWN ALL THE SAME SO I
LOOKED AROUND A BIT ; ALSO VISITED THE
CHEESE MUSEUM.

I TOOK MY TIME GETTING BACK TO AMSTER-
DAM ; ENJOYED THE MILLS & PASTURES ; JUST
RELAXED, BUT ONCE I GOT BACK I HAD TO
RUSH TO BOOK MY AMTRAK TICKET, BUY MY PLANE
TICKET (PAY THE BALANCE), & CHANGE MORE MONEY.

BEN & I WENT OUT TO THEATER CARRE LAST
NIGHT TO SEE HERMAN VAN VEEN, A DUTCH COM-
EDIAN. ALMOST EVERYTHING WAS IN DUTCH, SO I
DIDN'T UNDERSTAND MUCH, BUT THERE WERE
QUITE A FEW SIGHT GAGS, SO IT WAS ENTER-

TRAINING ENOUGH.

THIS MORNING I HAD TO CLIMB ON THE BIKE & RUSH TO BUSSUM TO PICK-UP MY AMTRAK TICKET. IT WAS \$94.50 TO TAMPA & OF COURSE I HAD TO PAY IN GULDERS. AT FIRST I THOUGHT THE EXCHANGE WAS GREAT AT 2.33 ~~BELZERK~~ (I'D BEEN GETTING 2.24), BUT THEN I REALIZED THAT MEANT IT COST ME MORE THAT WAY & THE TICKET IN FACT COST ABOUT \$98.50.

I ALSO GOT MY GIFT SHOPPING DONE. IF I HAVE EXTRA GULDERS AT THE AIRPORT I MAY GET SOME MORE GOODIES, BUT AT LEAST I GOT THE MOST IMPORTANT STUFF DONE.

TONIGHT TWO OF BEN'S FRIENDS, ELLEN & JOSE (YOSÉ) (FROM UTRECHT) ARE VISITING. HE MET THEM LAST YEAR CYCLING IN SWEDEN & WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT BEN'S SLIDES OF TEXAS, JOSE'S SLIDES OF BRAZIL, & ELLEN'S PICTURES OF FRANCE & HOLLAND.

9-21-86

(15km)

BEN & MEL & I SPENT THE DAY IN HAPPELEM. THEY

28,295

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WERE RUNNING A HALF MARATHON & MY BIKE & I WENT ALONG FOR THE RIDE. AFTER THEY STARTED I RODE UP TO 't Kopje, THE HIGHEST PT. IN THE NETHERLANDS & TOOK SOME PICTURES OF THE SURROUNDING DUNES. THEN I RACED TO THE 2/3'S-WAY MARK & WAITED TO TAKE PICTURES OF BEN & MEL AS THEY PASSED BY. THEY FINISHED AROUND 1 HR 32 MINS (T).

TONIGHT BEN'S FRIEND, STELLA, IS COOKING US DINNER, & THEN HOPEFULLY ~~WE~~ GET TO SLEEP EARLY TO GET AN EARLY START TOMORROW FOR THE RIDE TO SCHIPOL AIRPORT.

9-22-86

(15km)

I LEFT BEN'S AT TEN 'TIL EIGHT, WHEN HE WAS LEAVING FOR WORK. I TOOK SOME LAST MINUTE PHOTOS & THEN HEADED FOR SCHIPOL AIRPORT. THAT TOOK ABOUT 2 HOURS & WAS UNQUOTEably MORE THAN 15 KM, BUT SINCE I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR IT REALLY WAS I'D RATHER UNDERESTIMATE. MY TOTAL MILEAGE (ADJUSTED FOR KM-MILES CONVERSION ERRORS) IS 17,540 MILES.

I MAY HAVE SCREWED UP BEFORE BOARDING

(28,310)

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BUT I DONT THINK SO. A DUTCH COUPLE ASKED ME TO BUY SOME VIDEO CASSETTES FOR THEM AS THEY COULDNT BUY THEM SINCE THEY WERE DUTCH. MY BOARDING PASS WAS NOTED WITH THE PURCHASE SO ILL HAVE TO CLAIM THEM AT CUSTOMS (NO BIG DEAL, I'M WAY UNDER MY \$400 ALLOWANCE). HOPEFULLY IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

I LUCED OUT BY NOT HAVING TO PAY 75 GULDERS TO BRING MY BIKE ALONG. THE ~~LADY~~ COULDNT SEE WHY I SHOULD PAY SINCE IT WAS MY ONLY BAGGAGE WHICH ECHOES MY FEELINGS ON THE SUBJECT. THEY ALSO DIDN'T CHECK TO SEE IF IT WAS UNDER THE 30kg LIMIT, THOUGH I'M SURE IT WAS.

I MADE IT! I LANDED AT JFK AT 2:00PM,
Now I'm at Penn Station waiting for a train to DC - WHERE^{LL} HOPEFULLY FIND A BED AT THE HOSTEL.

GETTING FROM JFK TO DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN COST \$8 BY BUS, IT TOOK A WHILE TO GET A BUS - NOBODY WANTED MY BIKE. From GRAND CENTRAL STATION IT COST \$10 TO GO TEN BLOCKS BY

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GIPSY CAB. IT WAS INTERESTING RIDE - THE 'TAXI' - AN OLD DODGE VAN^{THAT} HAD BEEN EXTENSIVELY VANDALIZED (MISSING WINDOWS, SLIDING DOOR ROLLER, WINDSHIELD WIPERS, REAR BENCH, ETC...) - WAS PILOTED BY A 'TYPICAL' HUSSLER. HE PUT ON QUITE A SHOW, SOLICITING RIDES & VIOLATING TRAFFIC LAWS BY THE SCORE, USING A TOY HAMMER AS A HORN - IT MADE A SQUEAKING NOISE WHEN HE BANGED IT ON THE ROOF. HE ALSO HAD A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SHORTLY BEFORE WE MADE THE STATION & HIT SOME LADIES SILVER FORD STATION WAGON. ~~THAT~~ CAUSED ME TO MISS MY TRAIN AT 6:30PM & ILL HAVE TO CATCH THE 8:15 IN JUST A FEW MINUTES. I JUST HOPE I CAN GET INTO THE HOSTEL THIS LATE. THE TRAIN PROBABLY WON'T REACH D.C. 'TIL 11:30PM.

9.23.86

No Km's

I MADE IT TO THE HOSTEL AT MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT, ONLY TO FIND IT HAD BEEN TORN DOWN & THAT IT WAS REPLACED WITH A TINY HOSTEL OF PORTABLE BUILDINGS. THEY WERE Booked FOR THE NEXT THREE NIGHTS. From THERE I TRIED A COUPLE OF THE HOTELS THEY RECOMMENDED & WHEN THEY WERE ALSO FULL I TRIED SLEEPING ON A BEACH IN THE

(28,310)

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COURTYARD OF A CHURCH NEAR GEORGETOWN U. I GUESS
I NOW CLASSIFY AS A 'BASMAJ'. AT LEAST I MANAGED
TO GET A BIT OF SLEEP.

I GOT UP STARTED WANDERING AROUND AGAIN AT
5AM & CALLED ALEA AT 6AM. WELL MEET AT WINTER
PARK AT 8:45AM TOMORROW & THAT WAY I CAN GET
CLEANED UP & WE CAN SPEND THE DAY TOGETHER BEFORE
WE PICK UP MY BIKE SOMETIME AFTER 3:30PM.

SINCE MY TRAIN DOESN'T LEAVE 'TIL 3:55PM TODAY
I'VE BEEN DOING SOME SIGHTSEEING - JUST THE USUAL
STUFF PLUS A TOUR THROUGH THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING
& PRINTING & NEXT I'LL THINK I GO TO THE AIR &
SPACE MUSEUM & POSSIBLY TAKE IN AN IMAX FILM.

9-24-86

(No Km's)

I CAUGHT THE 3:55PM SOUTH & FELL
ASLEEP AN HOUR LATER UNTIL ABOUT 5AM. I GOT
OFF AT WINTER PARK AS PLANNED & WAS ABOUT
45 MINS. LATE. SUPPOSEDLY THAT WAS DUE TO BEING
BEHIND A SLOWER TRAIN OR SOMETHING.

ALEA WAS WAITING FOR ME & WE WENT TO JOE'S PLACE
TO SHOWER & WASH CLOTHES & PICKED UP THE BIKE AT
TAMPA AT 3:15PM. THE END

Film Record 9/21/86

1.	23.	↑
2.	BEVERLY HILLS	N.Y.
3.	HARLEM	=
4.	1/2 MARATHON	D.C.
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11.	VARIOUS SHOTS	33.
12.	OF AMSTERDAM -	34.
13.	STREET MURALS	35.
14.	BIKES, BEN, ETC...	36.
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16.		
17.		
18.	DAM SQUARE	
19.	AMSTERDAM	
20.	ME	
21.	BIKE SIGNS	
22.		

Film Record 9/16/86

- 1.
2. ?
- 3.
4. TRAINS,
GRAFFITI,
BIKES,
ETC...
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
8. BIKE
9. CANAL
MAP OF RE-
CLAIMED LAND
10. STREAM PARALLEL
VIEW FROM
OUTSIDE
11. STREAM PARALLEL
VIEW FROM
OUTSIDE
- 12.
- 13.
14. DUNES
15. BEACH NEAR
16. EGMOND -
17. BINNEN
18. WEIGH-
19. HOUSE
20. BICYCLE
- 21.
22. COOLS / NEAR ALKMAAR

AMSTERDAM

CYCLING

MAPS

EXPS

ALKMAAR

23. BICYCLE SHOP / ALKMAAR

24. TRAM / AMSTERDAM

25. CITADEL AT NAARDEN

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28. VARIOUS SHOTS OF

29. HAARLEM, THE 1/2

30. MARATHON, BEN/MEL,

31. 't KOPJE, VIEWS

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Film Record 9/5/86

1. KLOSTERHOF / ITZEHOE
2. DIKE, SHEEP, LIGHTHOUSE / NEAR GLÜCKSTADT
3. LEHNDER INCOR. MODEL LIGHTHOUSE
4. DIKEGATE; FERRY CROSSING AT
5. ALAN w/ KITTEN / WINSCHOTEN
6. WINDMILL / ZUIDLAREN
7. BARN / VRIES
8. ROAD NEAR DONDEREN
9. CANAL NEAR WASKEMEER
KLEIN MADURDAM
10. NEAR DONKERBROEK
11. IJsselmuiden (VIEW)
12. SETTING SUN
13. NEAR PUTTIEN
14. BENS FRIENDS AT
15. AMERSFOORT MARATHON
16. (EDWARD, YVONNE)
17. MARKEN
- 18.
19. NEAR GLÜCKSTADT
20. MARKEN
21. MARKEN
- 22.
- 23.
24. RIJKSMUSEUM
25. MURAL ON KORTE
26. LEIDSEWATERSTR, GRAF-
27. FITI AT WETPLANTSSTR
28. PLAYGROUND, RIJKS-
29. MUSEUM, SCULPTURE
30. ALONG AMSTEL R.
- 31.
- 32.
33. AMSTEL RIVER / CITY ARCHIVES
34. HISTORIC MUSEUM,
TRAIN, CENTRAL STATION
35. STAGE AT MUSEUM
- 36.

Film Record 8/28/86

1. KRONBORG CASTLE
2. FARM BUILDING
3. WINDMILL
4. HUNDESTED
- 5.
6. OVERBY CHURCH
7. ELECTRICITY GENERATION
8. WINDMILLS AT EBELTOFT
9. RADHUS
10. STREET
11. RADHUS/SUNSET
12. STREET
13. HARBOR / SUNSET
- 14.
15. PASTURE; KALØ BAY
16. COTTAGE / SVINDINGE
17. SALLINGSØND / GUNGØRE
18. HEATHER NEAR KUTMØLL
19. VIEW NEAR VANGSÅ
- 20.
- 21.
22. BOATS / BEACH AT NORRE VORUPØR
- 23.
- 24.
25. VIEW / SR. VORUPØR
26. DUNES NEAR STRANDGÅRDEN
27. DUNES / HVIDE SANDE
28. FISHING HUTS / HVIDESANDE
29. ABELINESGÅRD
30. VIEW NEAR NYMINDEGÅRD
31. RIBE
32. WATERFRONT
33. OLD BRIDGE NEAR GERMAN BORDER
34. GLÜCKSBURG SCHLOSS
35. THATCHED HOUSE / SATTRUP
36. RENDSBURGER BAHNBRÜCKE (CABLE FERRY)
RENDSBURG

Film Record 8/1/86

1. MIKE JR, ILOVA, MIKE, ME 19. TRAVEMÜNDE
2. VIEW FROM BINGEN 20. STOCK EXCHANGE
3. DOM / LIMBURG Dom / LAHN R. / Limburg
4. SCHLOSS / RUNKEL
5. SCHLOSS / WEILBURG.
6. SCHLOSS / BRAUNFELS
7. SCHLOSS / MARBURG
8. SCHLOSS / MARBURG
9. BAD KARLSHAUSEN HARBOR 27. CARLSBERG ELEPHANT GATE
10. VIEW ABOVE RILLE 28. TIVOLI ALEX JAMES & I IN FRONT OF COPENHAGEN HOSTEL
11. " 29. OF COPENHAGEN HOSTEL
12. HAMLEN MUSEUM
13. MARKTHALLE / DORFMARK 30. MALMÖHUS { MALMÖ
14. WINDMILL NEAR SALZHÄSEN 31. BÅNKÄRAREN
15. SCHIFFSHERBEWERK 32. CHURCH / OUTSKIRTS OF MALMÖ
16. NEAR 33. TÖRWP
17. SCHARNEBECK HOLSTEN TOR / ST. MARIES
18. ST PETER CHURCHES IN BACKGROUND / LÜBECK
34. CASTLE
35. VIEW NEAR KÄNLINGE
36. WINDMILL NEAR LANDSKRONA
37. HELSINGBORG CASTLE
38. HELSINKI HARBOUR

KØBENHAVN

Film Record 8/6/86

1. VIEWS OF ? FROM AKTIDAHN
2. GRAFENDAHL, TANNSTEIN 20
3. WORMS AT SUNSET (GATE) 21.
4. WORMS AT SUNSET (SKY) 22.
5. SPIDERWEB IN SPOKES/WORMS 23.
6. VIEW OF WORMS 24.
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26. MAY HAVE BEEN FOGGED

27. BY X-RAY ? MAY NOT HAVE BEEN WOUND ANY WAY - LEADER WAS STRIPPED.



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Film Record 7/29/86

1. HOHENSCHANGAU, W. GERM.
2. NEUSCHÄNSTEIN
3. IN MARKTÖBERDORF
4. WASSERTURME
5. FUGGEREI } AUGSBURG
6. VIEW NEAR GANSHEIM
SOUTH CITY TOWER
7. MAINHEIM
8. ELLINGEN TOWER/WESENENBURG
BEAUTIFUL FOUNTAIN
9. HAUPTMARKT
HEILIG-GEIST-SPITAL
10. ALMSHOUSE
11. EHEBRUNNEN }
12. FOUNTAIN }
13. "
14. ALBRECHT DÜRER STORY
STATUE ON BUILDING NEAR
15. A. DÜRER'S HOUSE (CIRCLED)
VIEW OF CITY RAMPARTS
16. SINDFELD TOWER
KÄISERBURG, SINDFELD
17. TOWER
VIEW OF WEINSTADTEL
WINE DEPOT
18. " } SINDFELD
19. EHEBRUNNEN FTN./NÜRNBERG
20. MARIENBURG }
21. CRANES } NÜRBURG
22. RATHAUS/MICHELSTADT
23. SCHLOSS/ERBACH
24. STADT KIRCHE/ERBACH
25. MÜMLINGQUELLE/BEERFELDEN
26. ALTE BRÜCKE/BRIDGE GATE)
27. OLD HEIDELBERG,
BRIDGE TO SCHLOSS
28. TOWER RUIN/SCHLOSS
GARDEN }
29. SCHLOSS } SCHLOSS
30. }
31. COURTYARD/SCHLOSS }
32. SCHLOSS FROM MARKTPLATZ
KARLSRUHE PALACE }
33. RICHARD GIBBONS }
34. GATEWAY } SCHAFFHAUSEN
35. WINE PRESS } SCHAFFHAUSEN
36. VIEWS OF } FROM ALTDAHN,
GRAFENDAHN, TANNSTEIN

Film Record 7/25/86

1. ASCENDANT FURKA PASS
2. "
3. TOP OF FURKAPASS-WEST
4. " - EAST
5. CHURCH/HOSPITAL
SWISS SOLDIERS ON
6. BICYCLE/ANDERMATT
7. CHALET/ANDERMATT
8. CHAPEL/ANDERMATT
9. INTERIOR OF SAME
10. "
11. GATE OF SAME
12. OLD BIKE/ANDERMATT
MUFFED SHOT - COKE
13. RAILROAD TRACK
RELIGIOUS SHRINE-
14. OBERALPPASS
15. ANITA & MATTHEW }
16. NEAR DISENTIS-MUSTÉR }
17. ↑
18. }
19. }
20. }
21. VARIOUS VIEWS OF ANITA
22. MATTHEW, VORDERRHEIN VALLEY,
23. RHEIN GORGE, A BARN IN
24. VALENDARS, CYCLING ON DIRT
25. ROAD NEAR ILANZ
26. }
27. INTERESTING BUILDINGS }
28. "
29. MAIENFELD, SWITZ.
30. SCHLOSS VAOSZ, LIECHTENSTEIN
(AUSTRIA)
31. VIEW FROM BÖDELE (1148M)
32. VIEW NEAR REHLEN
33. WATER FOUNTAIN NEAR SCHOPENHAU
34. VIEW OF SCHROCKEN
VIEW ASCENDING
35. VIEW FROM TOP OF SAME
36. LECHTAL NEAR STEEG, AUSTRIA
37. GORGE AT FOOT OF LECHFALL,
DOMINIK NEUBURGER (PIETER)
38. GRAEBENWIESE BB
39. BAD LEONFELDEN
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40. GRAZ
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Film Record 7/22/86

1. } NO GOOD
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3. FOUNTAIN & CLOCK TOWER } REPE
4. CLOCK TOWER FOUNTAIN & CLOCK TOWER } REPE
5. }
6. FOUNTAIN }
7. }
8. BEAR PITS }
9. Views from PARLIAMENT TERRACE }
10. AMENT TERRACE }
11. VIEW }
12. TANK TRAPS }
13. ROADSIDE SHRINE }
14. VIEW }
15. COW/BELL }
16. VIEW COMING DOWN }
17. VIEW ACROSS LUERNERSEE }
18. Views from BRUNIGPASS }
19. VIEW DESCENDING BRUNIGPASS RIVER AARE & MOUNTAINS
20. FROM INNERTKIRCHEN INNERTKIRCHEN VALLEY
21. ? LIGHT FOC.
22. CHALET AT INNERTKIRCHEN VIEW ASCENDING
23. GRIMSELPASS
24. AARE RIVER
25. VIEWS OF GRIMSEESSE
26. ASCENDING PASS
27. VIEWS FROM GRIMSELPASS
28. VARIOUS VIEWS
29. DESCENDING GRIMSEL PASS & ASCENDING
30. FORKA PASS: RHONE
31. RIVER, RHONE GLACIER,
32. SWISS POST COACHES
33. }
34. }
35. }
36. }

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LESTER 5/20 (P), 7/18 (P)

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